

Doctors vote against staffing clinics today

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Kupat Helim Clalit clinics will not be staffed by doctors this morning as had been expected. The national council of clinic doctors yesterday voted 54-46 against the agreement signed on Tuesday calling for partial operation of the clinics in exchange for improvements in the doctors' working conditions and promotion.

The chairwoman of the clinic doctors' organization, Dr. Miriam Sangen, who signed Tuesday's agreement with Clalit chairman Professor Haim Doron, resigned yesterday immediately after the vote.

In another crucial poll yesterday, the 40 members of the Israel Medical Association's central com-

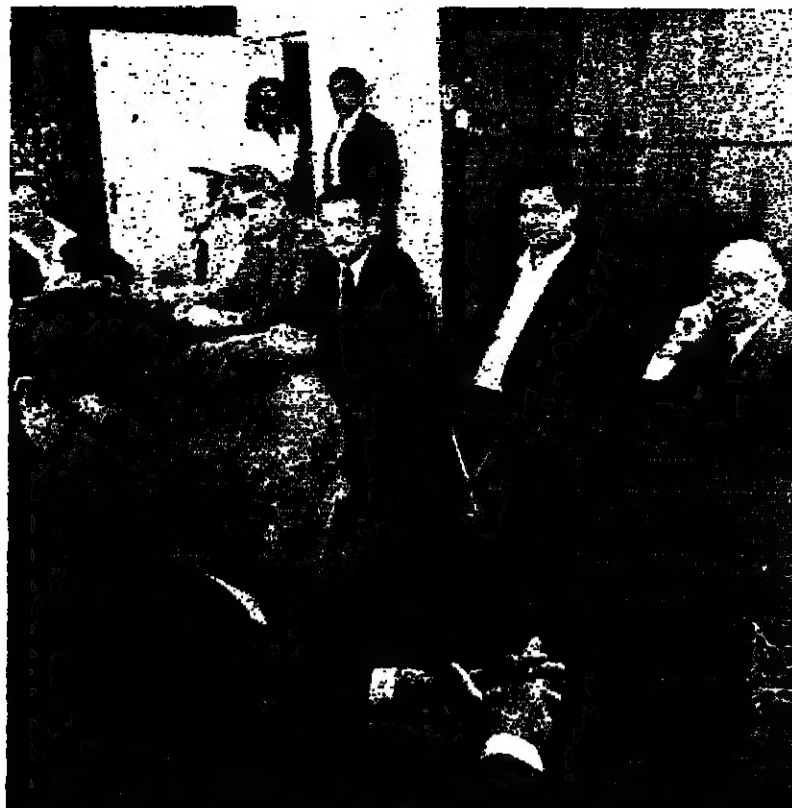
mittee voted unanimously to take "drastic steps to widen the strike within the next two weeks."

The intensification, which is widely understood to mean the collective resignation of all doctors and their desertion of hospitals, except for a tiny staff to take care of "life-threatening cases," will probably start "in the middle of next week," IMA chairman Dr. Ram Ishai told *The Jerusalem Post* last night.

The IMA leadership has been under intense pressure for some time to take "extreme measures" to bring the 80-day strike to a rapid settlement, but such a move could be too strong for many doctors.

Sangen, for one, told *The Post* last night that she resigned her post because "while I totally identify with the goals of our struggle, I can-

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Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and other ministers meet with a delegation of industrialists in the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem yesterday. (Rahamin Israeli)

Begin throws weight behind Aridor's policy

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Prime Minister Menachem Begin gave his full support to the economic policies of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor during a meeting with the country's top industrialists yesterday.

The meeting, which was requested by the Israel Manufacturers Association (IMA) to present Begin with their arguments against Aridor's policies, lasted four hours. It ended in the failure of the industrialists' attempt to sway the prime minister.

IMA sources later told *The Jerusalem Post* that Begin did not promise them anything during the meeting, and fully supported Aridor's approach.

According to the sources, Begin asked the manufacturers to observe

a week of silence, during which the Treasury will consider ways of easing the manufacturers' plight within the framework of present policy.

Although the manufacturers earlier defined the meeting as being of "major importance," they later lowered its profile.

IMA representatives decided at the last minute to cancel a scheduled news conference at which they were to report on the outcome of their meeting with Begin.

Instead, the press was given a statement prepared jointly by the industrialists and the government, and the IMA spokesman refused to comment further.

In the statement, the two sides said that they were unable to reach agreement on economic policy, although Begin "fully shares the industrialists' concerns." The statement said that talks between the

two sides will continue and cooperation between them will be strengthened.

Treasury Director-General Ezra Sadan said after the meeting that the industrialists did not repeat their call for a quicker rate of devaluation. He added that this should reduce public fears of an imminent devaluation, which has been rumoured in recent weeks.

However, the association spokesman strongly denied that the industrialists renounced any of their previous demands, indirectly implying that Sadan had not quoted them correctly. The spokesman reiterated that he could not go beyond the joint statement.

Although Begin and the other ministers present rejected the industrialists' request for a change in government policy, they promised to "review the chance of introduc-

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Arens asks for Karp report

Jerusalem Post Staff

Defence Minister Moshe Arens has asked to see the Karp committee report on Jewish vigilantism in the administered areas and intends to raise the issue in the cabinet, *Israel Television* reported last night. This confirms a report in *The Jerusalem Post* earlier this week.

The TV report added that Arens saw the report for the first time last week, after learning of its existence from the news media.

A lawyer close to the committee's work said on television last night that there had been a concerted attempt from the start to "torpedo" the implementation of the committee's recommendations.

Professor Uriel Procaccia, of the Hebrew University, who led a team of legal experts that initiated the debate on vigilantism some three

years ago, said that police had refused from the start to cooperate with the committee.

He added that the Defence Ministry under former defence minister Ariel Sharon had also attempted to torpedo the committee's work.

In the same TV programme, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Interior Minister Yosef Burg gave conflicting versions of the steps taken by the authorities in dealing with the report's recommendations.

Nissim said in an interview that the Karp committee submitted its report about a year ago, shortly before the war in Lebanon. He said that he met four months ago with Burg, Police Inspector-General Arye Ivztan and Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to discuss the report.

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Artillery commander joins PLO mutiny

DAMASCUS (Reuters). — A top PLO commander announced yesterday that he and his men were joining dissidents in Lebanon opposed to recent appointments by PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Wasef Ureikat, commander of PLO artillery, said some of his forces stationed in Syria moved into Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley to join the dissidents on Wednesday and the rest would follow in the next few days.

Ureikat, also known as Abu Raad, spoke at a news conference in a Palestinian military camp 150 kilometres south of Damascus.

The dissidents, headed by Colonel Abu Mussa, began what they called a "corrective movement" inside the mainstream Fatah terrorist group headed by Arafat 10 days ago.

Ureikat said: "As from this moment, I announce that I am putting myself and my forces under the command of Colonel Abu Mussa.

We have issued strict orders to all our fighters not to resort to bloodshed but if fighting is imposed on us we will defend ourselves."

The artillery chief said the dissidents had called for an emergency congress of Fatah to sort out the differences.

The rebellion by PLO terrorists in Lebanon opposed to the so-called moderate leadership of Yasser Arafat has been quelled, PLO sources said earlier yesterday.

In Amman, PLO deputy military commander Khalil Wazir, better known as Abu Jihad, said the "coup" was over without violence.

At its height the mutiny involved 320 troops from the Yarmuk Brigade, said PLO sources.

The mutiny began last week when Mussa went to Lebanon's Bekaa Valley demanding that Arafat and others in his Fatah faction break off dialogue with non-rejectionist Arab states such as Jordan and disavow peace negotiations with Israel.

Arens calls for a 'unification' of the Likud

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday called for the unification of all Likud component parties into a single political entity. Addressing the first session of the Likud Council here, Arens said unification is essential if "the Likud does not want to lose its voters."

Arens said that most supporters "back the Likud as such and not its existing component parties, or the new ones that I hear some Liberals would like to have," he said, referring to Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's demand for independent factional status in the Likud for his group.

Arens said he "fears terrible consequences if the Likud does not unite. This will be paradoxical, because the majority of this nation supports the Likud and the Likud has not yet completed its mission. It must be made into a single party, with all its internal partitions removed."

Arens urged that the Likud council not "just meet once or twice a year, but become a viable forum for

frequent decision-making in the Likud."

The Likud Council is a forum composed of all the Likud political components. Some of those who sponsored yesterday's gathering say this forum may become a good vehicle for ensuring that Moda'i and the four fellow Liberals in his faction remain in the Liberal Party and in the Likud. Moda'i's request to Prime Minister Menachem Begin to allow him and his supporters to leave the Liberal Party and be recognized as a new independent faction inside the Likud would be strenuously opposed by the Liberals and could fragment that party, resulting in the exit from the Likud of the Moda'i five, bringing down the coalition.

Sources in the Likud agree that in order to keep Moda'i, some action to fuse the Likud into a single political entity is necessary. An all-Likud forum such as the council may be the first harbinger of such moves. However, the ostensible purpose of yesterday's gathering was to rally behind the party's candidates for the municipal elections in the Tel Aviv area.

Some of the organizers of the gathering were already busy in attempts to formulate compromise programmes to mollify Moda'i. One such compromise would be to convene a Liberal Party convention in the near future and amend the party's regulations concerning internal elections. There might also be moves to introduce a seventh Liberal Minister, Knesset Member Pessah Grupper of the Moda'i faction, into the cabinet to satisfy that faction's demands. The sixth Liberal Minister, MK Sarah Doron, has yet to be sworn into office, because of Agudat Yisrael and Moda'i-faction opposition.

The Moda'i faction will hold a gathering of its supporters here next Wednesday to underscore the determination of the faction members to establish a new identity.

Liberal sources report that the Moda'i faction has already begun making demands for changes inside the Liberal Party as its price for staying in that party.

Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat said yesterday's council session marked the launching of his campaign for re-election.

Top W. Bank doctor fired

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The civil administration in Judea and Samaria yesterday sacked the director of public health services in the area, Dr. Hussein Obeid, apparently for granting an unauthorized interview to *The Jerusalem Post* on the "poisonings" in March.

The letter of dismissal, in Arabic and Hebrew, makes no direct mention of the interview. But Obeid said he was told by a civil administration source that his sacking was a direct result of the March 31 interview in which he said that the symptoms shown by girls from the village of Arraba "certainly points to something more than a case of mass hysteria."

The civil administration spokesman was not available for comment last night.

Obeid, who held his post for 13 years, was handed the letter, dated May 19, effective at 1:30 p.m. the same day. He had received a warn-

ing letter last month cautioning him that his dismissal was being considered for "inappropriate behaviour."

Obeid told *The Post* last night: "I am shocked that this sort of thing could happen in a democratic country like Israel. If these people are the representatives of the Israeli democratic system, I can only ask myself what sort of democracy this is?"

In the March interview, Obeid said that the first incidents in the "poisoning wave" in Arraba near Jenin were triggered by an organic substance, which also affected the Arab and Israeli investigators called to the scene the next day. But he noted that some subsequent cases of dizziness, abdominal pains and nausea could have been caused by fear and panic.

A team of investigators from the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, reached similar conclusions in their final report presented last month.

Habib in Saudi Arabia in bid to pressure Syria

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

U.S. special envoy Philip Habib left Beirut for Saudi Arabia yesterday in what Lebanese state radio described as a bid to seek Riyadh's good offices with Damascus to negotiate a withdrawal of Syrian troops from Lebanon.

The chances of Saudi Arabia's managing to persuade Syria to drop

its uncompromising opposition to the just-concluded Israeli-Lebanese pact were not very promising last night, however. The Saudi-led Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) wound up a foreign minister's conference in Riyadh with a call for an immediate Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon but made no similar demand on the Syrians.

Reflecting what is emerging as the standard Saudi line on some form of direct linkage between the Lebanese-Israeli agreement and an Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank and the Golan Heights, the six-member GCC expressed its respect for the "free will of Lebanon's constituent establishments," while at the same time calling for a concerted political offensive to pressure Israel into relinquishing the Arab territories it occupied in 1967.

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JERUSALEM POST POLL

Support for cabinet leaders drops

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The popularity of Prime Minister Menachem Begin and his leading ministers slipped by about five per cent this month, although they all maintain large leads over their nearest challengers.

This is the finding of the latest *Jerusalem Post* poll, conducted by the Modi'in Ezrahi Research Centre under the direction of Dr. Sarah Shemer. A representative sample of 1,091 persons was interviewed between May 2 and May 10.

According to Shemer, the decrease in popularity of the leading cabinet members

corroborates another finding (published in *The Post* last Tuesday), according to which if elections had been held last week, the Likud would have lost some of its support, although not to Labour. The lost Likud votes, according to the poll, would have gone to other coalition parties such as Tehiya and the National Religious Party.

Interviewees were asked who they think is the man most suitable to serve as prime minister and Begin was named by 41.1 per cent of those polled, a drop of 4.5 per cent from his rating in March. In February he was selected by 44.7 per cent.

Shemer notes that this month's is

Begin's lowest rating since last October, and may mirror dissatisfaction with government performance felt considerably before the past month. Shemer explained that there is a time lag between the first cognitive dissatisfaction and its reflection in polls.

Begin's nearest rival is former President Yitzhak Navon, who now has a rating of 20.3 per cent, as against 15 per cent in the March poll.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin is third with 5.5 per cent, roughly the same as the March poll, with Labour chairman Shimon

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Meridor promises big economic breakthrough

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Economics Minister Ya'acov Meridor yesterday startled the audience at the Likud council meeting here when he ceremoniously declared that "a new, great economic breakthrough is in the offing in the sphere of economic growth."

Meridor announced that his ministry will soon present the government with proposals for "economic growth that will double the gross national product." He did not elaborate, or specify the time span earmarked for such growth, but promised to say more in the near future.

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Census-takers ready to roll

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Whether they like it or not, Israelis will soon have to be counted — and answer a few very confidential questions.

The occasion is the nation's fourth census of population and housing, which 7,000 specially trained canvassers will launch next Monday in every city, town, village, settlement and desert encampment within the boundaries of the State of Israel, and in Jewish-population centres in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District.

At a meeting with reporters in Jerusalem yesterday, Prof. Moshe Siron, the government statistician, said: "I give all people my solemn word, backed up by the law — Statistics Ordinance (Revised) of 1972 — that not one iota of information provided by respondents will be furnished to any administrative body, such as the police, income tax authorities or anyone else."

Starting at 8 a.m. Monday morning, 6,000 census takers, backed up by 1,000 supervisors, will fan out all over the country and begin distributing to Israel's estimated 11,000,000 households one of two detailed questionnaires. According to Census Director Binyamin Lasman, families are expected to examine the questionnaires for a few days "so that the answers to the questions should be valid as of Saturday night, June 4. Ten days or so later, the census taker will return to pick up the completed questionnaire and clear up any problems in answering questions."

Dr. Siron added: "Unlike the Central Bureau of Statistics' regular surveys and publications, this census, the first since 1972, is not

based on sampling, random or otherwise, but on an actual nose count combined with actual replies to actual questions.

The answers we will receive and process in our computer will be vital to our nation's social, economic and other planning for the coming decade. We anticipate maximum citizen cooperation. The only difficulty we may encounter is with certain Orthodox Jews who cite a Talmudic ban on headcounts of Jews in groups. But both of the recently elected chief rabbis, who are Orthodox, have ruled that secondary tallying, such as by questionnaire, does not violate that ban.

Oded Boneh, field director of the census, said 20 per cent of Israel's households will receive a 52-question form, and 80 per cent will be handed a shorter one, with 10 question blocks.

The questionnaires must be filled out completely, and failure to cooperate could make a person — citizen or not — liable to criminal prosecution and a maximum penalty of three months' imprisonment.

Among the questions are the following: What time do you leave your home for work? How much did you earn, before tax and after tax, in February, March and April? Were you ever married — if so, how many times and in which years? Where did you work five years ago, and what were your job duties? Do you have a bathtub and/or shower in your home?

How much do you earn from sources other than your business or job? How many water closets do you have at home? Do you own a colour TV or electric dishwasher?

Are you a Jew, Moslem, Greek Orthodox, Greek Catholic, other — Christian, Druse, or member of a religious faith other than those listed?

According to Boneh, every effort will be made to "cover" residents wherever they are — even if not at home. If a census taker gets no reply when he knocks on a door, he will seek out the household members by asking neighbours.

Canvassers will also scour hospitals, dormitories, military bases, homes for the aged, prisons and other places where any of Israel's 4,100,000 residents might be found. For purposes of this census, persons out of the country for less than one year also qualify as respondents. Adjustments are being made to receive their replies when they return.

So far this year, IS438 million have been budgeted for the census, whose preliminary results are expected to begin appearing by September.

In reply to a question, Siron told *The Jerusalem Post*: "Though the questionnaires bear the name of the respondents, no names will be fed into the computer — only the answers to the questions. Shortly after the information is digested by the machines, the questionnaires will be destroyed."

"What is more, our census takers are not permitted to question or touch any respondent's replies. Thus, if a man named Moshe Goldberg in Bnei Brak, who describes himself as a graduate of a yeshiva, lists himself as a Moslem — that's the way the census is going to list him, no matter what the canvasser sees, hears or knows."



President Chaim Herzog and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek in the Old City market during the president's first official tour of the capital yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

President Herzog tours Jerusalem

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Resuming residence in Jerusalem after 36 years of living in other Israeli localities and abroad, President Chaim Herzog was yesterday given an extensive tour of the city by Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Accompanied by his wife, Aura, in the yellow municipal minibus, the president and his entourage toured for seven hours, covering the city from Neve Ya'acov in the north to Beit Safafa in the southeast, but somehow missing out Sderot Herzog, which was named for his father, the late Ashkenazi chief rabbi Yitzhak Isaac Halevy Herzog.

"A tourist coming to Jerusalem sees a beautiful and developed city," Herzog said. "But I was here before all that, and I have a basis for comparison."

He recalled seeing the city for the first time 47 years ago, when he accompanied the coffin of his grandfather Yoel for burial here. He remained to study at the Hebron Yeshiva, and later joined the Hagana in the Talpott quarter, where he and his wife lived as newlyweds.

After a reception in the city council chamber, Herzog was bused to

whom he first met when he was the first military governor of Judea and Samaria after the Six Day War.

From there the party continued to the Western Wall, which was crowded with worshippers — those attending the many Bar-Mitzva celebrations (yesterday, Thursday, was a regular Tora-reading day for synagogue-going Israelis), and tourists for whom yesterday was the second day of Shavuot.

Kollek showed off some of the new additions to the city, including the ultra-modern medical centre in Sheikh Jarrah, built with funds from the Jerusalem Foundation and managed by the municipality and Kupat Holim Clalit. Staffed by Arab professionals, the centre offers clinics for the use of the Arab population, but \$2.5 million are needed to complete a day hospital and other facilities on the upper floors. Mrs. Herzog, who is international chairman of the Council for a Beautiful Israel, praised the planners for paying attention to the Old City's Damascus Gate, where he toured the ramparts and viewed the Moslem quarter from above. The party walked to where the president renewed his acquaintance with Archbishop Vasilios,

aesthetics by providing background music, brightly painted rooms and greenery.

At the Arnold Bernhard Municipal Library in Neve Ya'acov, which has 2,500 registered readers, the mayor complained that "irresponsible journalists" had given the isolated quarter a bad name that was hard to erase. Residents agreed, noting the vitality of the community and its improved public facilities.

Driving past the site of the once-mooted Shuafat soccer stadium, Kollek said that despite the city council's decision to revive the plan, he doesn't have much hope that it will be implemented there because of some Orthodox opposition. Kollek also showed off an activity playground built beneath the proposed stadium site.

At Biodes, a high-technology producer of medical diagnostic kits, the president was told of the need for more such non-polluting industrial firms to employ new olim as well as Jerusalemites.

The next stop was the newly opened Goldberg sports centre in Kiryat Hayovel's Rehov Stern, which is used by local schoolchildren and which holds hundreds of spectators at basketball games.

At the Beit Safafa school, Kollek lamented that because no Arab feels safe (from PLO threats) to run for the city council, the village has not received all it deserves in funds and facilities.

After lunch at the East Talpott community centre, Herzog called his tour "unforgettable," noting that he had passed by most of the places on the itinerary but had never before got to know them. He praised Kollek for his contributions to the city, adding that even if the mayor hadn't invited him, he would have initiated it, and begun his presidential visits with a tour of Jerusalem.

Israel is on verge of violence, say experts

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Emil Grunzweig's killer was still at large yesterday, and that, more than anything else, was on the minds of participants at an academic symposium in Jerusalem to discuss the personality of the person who caused the peace campaigner's death by throwing a hand grenade at a Peace Now rally.

Dr. Ehud Sprinzak, an expert on political violence, was adamant that, while political murder "is not a necessary outcome" of the current political situation, there exists "a high potential for violence."

Dr. Yair Bar-El, Jerusalem's district psychologist, outlined the factors that unconsciously motivate the terrorist, and concluded that the most dangerous element in Israel

society is "the small daily violence of pushing, in bus queues, interrupting speakers, the violence of the shuk (market)."

Nitzav Mishne Shlomo Gal, who heads the National Police investigations department, declared that the real red line in Israeli society was crossed, "not when Emil was killed, but a few years ago, when law-enforcement officers, state attorneys, even judges became targets for threats and violence."

The audience of about 200 were mostly Peace Now sympathizers, though a known member of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement was also in the audience. And on at least two occasions arguments broke out between two members of the audience.

Sprinzak said "the worst political

violence" in the history of the state took place when then-opposition leader Menachem Begin led a mob on the Knesset, in early 1952, to protest against the German reparations agreement. He warned that he is very "pessimistic" about the coming election campaign.

Bar-El said terrorists "needed" to take ever-increasing risks, and boosted their self-esteem by belonging to secret groups.

Gal warned that "when those who preserve democracy by preserving the law are under attack, the real danger begins." That danger began more than two years ago, he said, when Ramle prison warden Sgan-Gundar Ronnie Nitzav was assassinated. Since then, some judges have carried weapons for personal protection.

89 earthquakes fail to shake Israel

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ninety-two earthquakes were registered in Israel between September 1981 and the end of 1982, but only three were actually felt, and these were relatively low on the Richter scale.

This information was released yesterday in the first bulletin on earthquakes in Israel and adjacent areas by the seismological division of the Institute for Petroleum Research and Geophysics. The institute is administered by the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure.

The head of the seismological division, Dr. Avi Shapira, noted that

most of the earthquakes were actually "seismic events" that registered between two and four on the Richter scale, which extends to seven.

The three quakes that were felt during this time ranged between three and four and occurred south of the Kinneret, south of the Hula Valley and at Afeka. None caused any damage. Of the quakes that hit Eilat early this year, the strongest registered 5.1 on the Richter scale.

Shapira said that the information was gathered in the first comprehensive seismological survey of Israel, which was instituted by the Energy Ministry in 1981. The seismological network comprises 13 fixed stations and a smaller number

of portable instruments.

Since there is no countrywide information for the period preceding the survey, Shapira could not say if the level of seismic activity recorded was normal. The number of earthquakes felt, however, was normal.

He added that comprehensive information of this sort is needed for planning the location of nuclear power plants and other heavy industrial plants, and for guiding local building codes.

Most of the quakes recorded occurred in the eastern part of the country along the Syrian-African Rift, which includes the Arava, the Dead Sea and Kinneret areas.

Seamen threaten to hinder Weizman's shipping line

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The Marine Officers Union is exerting pressure on the new shipping company Iscont, to put Israeli officers on two chartered ships it is operating between Israel, Britain and northwestern Europe.

Union Secretary Shlomo Elmor told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that the union had made it clear that it will hold up the ships from time to time to back its demands.

Iscont started operating last month with two German-owned modern container ships flying the

Panamanian flag, each manned by 35 foreign seamen. The new firm is managed by the Allaluf shipping company and headed by Ezer Weizman who is a former transport minister and, for a brief time, partner in a shipping firm with Ya'acov Meridor, now minister for economic coordination.

Weizman recently dismissed the union's protest against the introduction of foreign ships to compete against Israeli vessels on the home run. He said: "It's a free country, and everybody may protest but also do business." In fact, he said, the firm has an option to buy the ships, which it plans to do later, and then man them with Israeli crews.

The Transport Ministry, which granted the firm the licence to charter the ships, said that Israel favours free trade and shipping everywhere in the world and there are no grounds for withholding approval from the new company.

Allaluf previously served as agents for a German shipping company operating on the same route, but recently the German company transferred to another Israeli agency.

Michael Elkins joins Post as columnist

Award-winning journalist Michael Elkins joins *The Jerusalem Post* on Sunday, as a columnist.

The veteran reporter, who for 16 years covered Israel for the British Broadcasting Corporation, recently won the Sony Prize as best radio reporter of 1982. He has also reported on the Middle East and Israel for CBS and *Newsweek*.

The Elkins column is to appear every Sunday in *The Jerusalem Post*.

Haifa's IS5.1b. budget is approved

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The city council last night approved Haifa's IS5.1 billion budget for the 1983-1984 fiscal year. A development budget of IS 1.4 billion was also approved.

Mayor Arye Gurel said the budget is basically the same as last year's, adjusted for inflation. But he said he fears that continuing inflation will make it virtually impossible to keep within its framework.

He said that dozens of municipal jobs will be eliminated and about half the budget will be spent on providing government services like schooling. The municipality's accumulated deficit will also increase during the year, he said.

Sentence increased for Hebron shooting

The Supreme Court yesterday increased the sentence of a Kiyat Arba resident who was convicted of firing a pistol at a house in Hebron in February, wounding a five-year-old girl.

Arye Bar-Yosef was sentenced to four months' jail and a IS30,000 fine by Jerusalem District Court. After hearing an appeal by the state, the court decided to increase the jail sentence to one year.

The prosecutor said that actions such as Bar-Yosef's "play into the hands of Israel's enemies." (Ilim)

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Everyone is invited to a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Ruddigore or the Witch's Curse" by the Light Opera Group of the Negev. At Beit Ha'am on Tuesday, June 7 at 8.30 p.m. Proceeds to the AACI Scholarship Fund. Tickets, IS250 and IS400, are available at the AACI office.

Thousands of Poles attend mass for dead teenager

WARSAW. — Thousands of Poles yesterday attended a funeral mass for a student who died last Saturday after being detained by police.

A telegram from Lech Walesa, chief of the outlawed Solidarity Union, read out during the service. "Every death is painful but this one is especially brutal... it will not be forgotten."

The death of teenager Grzegorz Przemyski has become a rallying point for opponents of Poland's martial-law authorities. Grzegorz's mother, Barbara Sudowska, has alleged that he was beaten up by the police.

Many of the mourners crowded in St. Koska's Roman Catholic church for the mass wept openly when Warsaw Bishop Wladyslaw Miziolek said that Przemyski, who was to turn 19 Tuesday, "would have to finish his school exams in heaven."

In an apparent effort to avoid any further clashes with police, Reverend Jerzy Popieluszko, conducting the mass, urged the crowd to maintain a spirit of solemnity when the service ended. "Every shout will be that of a provocateur," he said.

The police have said Przemyski was already injured when he was picked up last Thursday for drunken brawling after a celebration in the city's old town.

He was discharged from a first-aid centre by his mother but later admitted to a hospital where, despite surgery, he died on Saturday of injuries to the liver and spleen. The city prosecutor is investigating and an official verdict has been promised on the cause and circumstances of death.

A bulletin issued by Solidarity underground leaders Wednesday said: "This brutally murder bears all the hallmarks of a crime committed in premeditation."

In Rome yesterday, Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Roman Catholic primate of Poland, said that church authorities are trying to bring about a meeting between Pope John Paul II and Solidarity leader Walesa during the Pontiff's June visit to Poland.

"We will try to have him meet the pope," Glemp told reporters at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport. "The matter is complex, but we will try to find a way. Things are developing, and we hope to find a way that will satisfy one side as well as the other."

He did not elaborate, but his reference to two sides apparently meant the church and the Polish government. There have been doubts whether Polish authorities will permit the meeting, for fear it would underscore Vatican support for Walesa and his outlawed movement.

Glemp and other Polish church leaders have reviewed with the pope preparations for his pilgrimage to his homeland, scheduled for June 16-23.

Asked whether he expects any disturbances during John Paul's tour, Glemp said: "From the people, and from the nation, no." He said he was convinced the pope will be received "with warmth, with prayers, and ecclesiastical sentiments."

He said Archbishop Achille Silvestrini, head of the Vatican public affairs department, will travel to Warsaw later this month "to finalize details of protocol" including the time and place of the pontiff's meeting with Poland's government leaders. (Reuters, AP)

Soviet peace activist hopes for U.S. exile

VIENNA (AP). — Sergei Batovrin, co-founder of an unofficial Soviet peace group, arrived here from Moscow yesterday with his mother, wife and daughter. He said he hopes to settle in the U.S. to continue his peace campaign.

"I had the choice between leaving and imprisonment," Batovrin, 26, said at an airport news conference. Since the independent peace group was founded last June, Batovrin has been detained in a psychiatric hospital and kept under house arrest.

The Soviet authorities permit only a government-sanctioned peace group, which adheres to the official line that the U.S. is responsible for the arms race and world tensions.

Batovrin, who is Jewish, had previously requested permission to emigrate to Israel.

The independent Moscow peace group was founded last June by Batovrin and others. Seven of the founding members were Soviet Jews who had been denied permission to emigrate.

Batovrin and fellow activist Sergei Rosenov went on a 32-day hunger strike earlier this year to protest against what they called harassment by the KGB.

Soviet writer is jailed

MOSCOW (AP). — Leonid Borodin, a dissident Soviet writer accused of promoting subversion through works published abroad, was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in a labour camp to be followed by five years' internal exile.

The official news agency Tass, which reported that the maximum sentence had been passed, said a Moscow city court convicted Borodin on charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

According to the agency, Borodin had been "conducting unlawful activities over a number of years." Among these activities, said Tass, were "keeping and disseminating works smearing the Soviet state and social system, and handing over to the West, through unlawful channels, his own slanderous writings." These were published in Germany, and then smuggled back into the Soviet Union, Tass alleged.

Borodin, 45, had been arrested in May 1982. Tass reported that he had previously been convicted of committing a "dangerous state crime," but gave no details.

Gandhi alleges plot by daughter-in-law

NEW DELHI (AP). — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has been quoted as saying that the marriage of Maneka Gandhi to her late son, Sanjay, was a plot by unidentified conspirators to infiltrate her inner circle.

The stunning charge was reported by the United News of India six weeks after Sanjay's widow, Maneka Gandhi, formally launched a new opposition party, which has pledged to pinpoint alleged misuse and the failures of Gandhi's government.

American Monty Python comedy team and directed by Terry Jones. It presents a vitriolic view of life described by one of its six authors, Michael Palin, as "ranging from philosophy to social history to medicine to halibut, especially halibut."

Minral Sen of India won the Jury Award for his film *The Case is Closed*. The Spanish film *Carmen*, which had been tipped for a major award, won the prize for best artistic contribution.

Killer storms bring havoc to Vietnam

BANGKOK (AP). — Two whirlwinds killed 76 persons and damaged or destroyed more than 12,000 houses on Sunday in Vietnam, Radio Hanoi reported yesterday.

In one hour in Nghe Tinh Province, strong winds and hail caused a swathe of destruction over an area encompassing 57 villages, said the official broadcast monitored here.

"Preliminary reports said that 76 persons lost their lives and many others were injured or missing."

2 dead in Sri Lanka election violence

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP). — Emergency regulations came into force throughout this island on Wednesday evening after armed bands killed two persons, including a soldier, in violence connected with parliamentary and local by-elections.

The emergency, proclaimed earlier this week by President Junius R. Jayewardene, took effect automatically when polling stations closed after voting for 18 parliamentary and 46 municipal council seats.

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More strikes if Tories win UK poll, says Foot

LONDON. — Britain's Labour Party yesterday raised the spectre of widespread strikes if Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher wins the general election on June 9.

There could be more strikes than ever if her Conservative government wins and launches a new onslaught on trade unions, Labour leader Michael Foot said at a London news conference.

Foot was responding to questions about the threat of a general strike if the Conservatives are returned to power.

Labour Party chairman Sam McCusker said on Wednesday night that the only new item in the Conservative election manifesto is new curbs against the unions.

He added: "The trade union movement would have no other course but to defend itself and defend itself in a way that we have never seen since 1926" — the year of Britain's last general strike.

Cecil Parkinson, chairman of the Conservative Party, commented: "He is saying the people of this country can have any government so long as it is red."

But Foot said yesterday: "What he was saying is if the unions are attacked, they will defend themselves. I fear that if we have another Conservative government we'll have more strikes than ever."

In Rome, an opinion survey yesterday showed the Communists losing ground and two small centrist parties picking up strength in Italy's general election on June 26-27.

A Doxa poll of 2,032 people published in Rome's leftist-leaning *La Repubblica* showed the Christian Democrats maintaining their dominant position with 38.6 per cent of the vote. (Reuters, AP)

Thais eject Soviet diplomat

BANGKOK. — Special branch police yesterday arrested a Soviet diplomat on a spying charge and ordered him to leave Thailand after he was allegedly caught in possession of secret military documents dealing with military installations near the border with Kampuchea.

Commander of the anti-espionage special branch, Major-General Opas Ratanasin, identified the diplomat as Victor I. Baryshev, 47, a Soviet Embassy commercial official who had been in Thailand two years.

Opas said police had been watching the official for some time and had photographed and videotaped his movements yesterday.

U.S. economy grows slowly

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. economy grew more slowly than first reported during the first three months of 1983, the government reported yesterday.

The Commerce Department report said overall economic activity — as measured by inflation-adjusted gross national product — increased at an annual rate of 2.5 per cent in the first quarter. The GNP growth rate had been estimated at 3.1 per cent one month ago.

The growth was relatively weak in comparison with typical expansions, at rates of 6 to 7 per cent, in the first year after other recent recessions.

However, economists inside and outside the Reagan administration have said business activity is picking up quickly in the current April-June quarter.

Factory production, employment, retail sales and personal income are reported to have risen, sharply in April. Some analysts have predicted second-quarter growth of 6 per cent or more.

The Labour Department's consumer price index rose at an annual rate of less than 1 per cent in the first quarter.

Egyptian soldier home after 21 years in Yemen
CAIRO (Reuters). — An Egyptian soldier who was pronounced dead in 1962 has come home after 21 years in captivity in North Yemen, the newspaper *Al-Akhar* reported yesterday.

Private Abdel-Fattah Farhali, who went to Yemen with an Egyptian military expedition to support the military coup that toppled the Yemeni monarchy, said he had been captured by anti-republican rebels and thrown into a dungeon. He was finally freed last February and taken to hospital in Sanaa before his return to Cairo.

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Sports

Up for the Cup

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — The climax of the English soccer season takes place tomorrow when Manchester United face Brighton in the F.A. Cup at Wembley.

The teams will take the field in vastly contrasting situations. For United, it will be a chance to cap one of their best seasons for years, but they finished third in the First Division, reached the final of the League Cup (only to be beaten there by Liverpool) and are assured of a place in European Cup competition next season. Brighton ended their league season last Saturday by being relegated and will play next season in the Second Division.

Both teams will have stars missing. Real Mooses (Manchester) and Steve Foster (the Brighton captain) are both out through suspension. In addition, United will be without England winger Steve Coppell, who is injured. Yet United will start as favourites. They have a wealth of talent in their squad, with numerous international stars such as Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins (England), Norman Whiteside and Frank Stapleton (Northern Ireland) and Arnold Muhren (Holland). Brighton's potential match-winner is ex-Liverpool striker Jimmy Case. Brighton also hopes for great things from 20-year-old Gary Hewitt, of whom Brighton manager Jimmy Milne said: "He's going to be the Brighton player they will be talking about after the final. He's going to surprise everyone with his skill, passing ability and vision."

William Allen Davies, 21, may play for United, if Laurie Cunningham is unfit. The game will probably be telecast live on Jordan Channel 3, starting at 6.30 p.m., but viewers should have a look at the match on UFA Channel 3, starting at 1.15 p.m. with the UEFA Cup Final by virtue of a 1-1 draw with Benfica of Portugal in the second leg. Anderlecht had won the first leg in Belgium 1-0 and took the Cup on aggregate.

Win for 76ers

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — Andrew Toney scored 30 points, Moses Malone 28 and Julius Erving 24 as the Philadelphia 76ers routed the Milwaukee Bucks 115-103 on Wednesday night to win the National Basketball Association's Eastern Conference title and advance to the championship round for the fourth time in seven years.

In Los Angeles, Mike Mitchell scored 26 points and Artis Gilmore had 25 to enable the San Antonio Spurs to narrow the Los Angeles Lakers' lead in their playoff series. The Spurs' triumph sends the best-of-seven series back to San Antonio for game 6 tonight, with the Lakers leading 3-2. A seventh game, if necessary, would be in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Shlomo shocked

MUNICH. — Shlomo Glickstein, seeded third in the Munich Grand Prix Tennis Tournament, was surprisingly beaten in the first round by unseeded Hans Simonsson of Sweden 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Veli Purcell, seeded second, also lost in the first round.

Egypt's oil to cost more

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Post Knesset Correspondent Asher Wallfish talks to Haim Corfu, a Likud minister who does not waste time contemplating his political navel

ALL IN THE FAMILY

The eventual leader of Herut after Begin will be the man who is not fired by personal ambition, the man who is not using his elbows. It will be Yitzhak Shamir.



far as Herut is concerned, their maintenance of that power for the purpose of their party career is in part illusory. A defence minister can invite central committee members to his ministry office and send them on special trips and give them the VIP treatment, but they'll go away again with the same opinions and the same allegiance they had when they came in," says Corfu.

"To reach the top, you need support within the party machine and you need the commitment of people in the central committee on a long-term basis."

"Herut and the Labour party have in common the fact that they are both conservative parties which seek stability and maturity and maximum consensus."

Corfu is not impressed by the recent efforts of prominent figures in Herut to rally supporters at all manner of assemblies in order to build themselves power bases from which they could stake a claim for the premiership one day.

"Each Herut minister involved is seeking allies who will subordinate their own ambitions to his own," he says.

"The power bases being formed at such gatherings lack credibility because they don't have the good of the party at heart. I can assure you that the majority in Herut will look for the most responsible leadership projecting the most common-sense image and carrying the widest appeal when the day eventually comes to seek a leader to step into Menachem Begin's shoes. And it won't plump for any of those rally-organizers."

Corfu's prognosis is clear: "I look at the party's future with the eyes of a down-to-earth Jerusalemite, remote from the witches' cauldron of Tel Aviv and its wheeling and dealing," he says. "The eventual leader of Herut after Begin will be the man who is not fired by personal ambition, the man who is not using his elbows. It will be Yitzhak Shamir."

THE VETERAN Herutnik does not reject out of hand the suggestion that his party could fall from power because of economic problems.

Nor does he hesitate to admit that the cabinet hardly spent any time debating economic issues in depth since the 1981 election victory — "though there may have been

debates in the committee of economic ministers about which I know nothing."

Corfu is unshakable in his assertion that the cabinet, with one sole exception whom he says does not count (Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i) continues to voice absolute confidence in Finance Minister Yoram Aridor and his policies.

"It is the policy and practice of this government as a group to express absolute confidence in the policies of each of its individual ministers," he says. "There's no other way to operate."

To my question, does Aridor's policy work? he has a simple answer: "We shall know better in five or six months, one way or the other." And he also reminds the doubter that as far as full employment and investment growth are concerned, Aridor has chalked up successes.

Could Israel's economic problems topple the Likud? "Go and ask the voters in general, or the Likud voters in particular, whether the state of their pockets today has turned them away from us, and they'll laugh at you," says Corfu.

"Professors? There are all sorts! Manufacturers and exporters? They're lining up to ask for whatever they can get!"

Corfu has a short list of citizens with complaints about the government: those who lost money on the stock market; those who suffer because of the doctors' strike, and the farmers. "But where is the Israeli recession," he asks rhetorically.

Hedging his bets at the same time, he says: "Aridor's methods are the proper ones, but perhaps they don't work out exactly the way they should in all aspects."

And with the deeply ingrained team spirit which marks him out, he adds: "If the time should ever arrive for a review of economic policy, it will be Aridor himself who decides to hold such a review and who will fix the time and the form."

Not only is there no question in Corfu's mind that a Herut minister would not go on record as criticizing Aridor, he insists that all the Liberal ministers, except Moda'i, are behind the finance minister.

"Simha Ehrlich, Gideon Patt, Avraham Sharir, Moshe Nissim — not a whisper of doubt from any of them. So what could be a better indication of confidence?"

SOME HERUT cabinet ministers are happy to talk to journalists because they have their eyes on the premiership in the not-too-distant future. Some want to talk because they have an irrepressible grudge against one of their colleagues. Some are reluctant to talk because they are in a permanent or passing introspective mood.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu does not have his eyes on the premiership at any point. So when one talks to him one can reasonably expect objectivity. One gets it. The only sort of grudge he seems to have against some of his Herut colleagues in the cabinet is to complain that they wash dirty linen in public, something which his longtime membership in the Irgun Zvai Leumi — the "fighting family" — taught him to eschew.

He is not reluctant to talk. Haim Corfu does not waste time dreaming of past glories or contemplating his political navel. The 62-year-old sixth-generation sabra likes to be out-and-about, getting things done, getting problems solved, worrying about micro-political issues rather than macro-political issues.

He probably had more influence and won more press coverage in his Knesset years as Likud and coalition chairman than he enjoys today as Minister of Transport. Unlike some previous transport ministers, he does not orchestrate Zukunfts-musik for projects slated in the next decade, and so he gets fewer headlines. But he doesn't seem to mind.

I TALKED to Corfu in the Transport Ministry headquarters, high up on the 11th floor of the Clal Tower, overlooking the entire capital. We spoke first about the atmosphere in the cabinet before and after Ariel Sharon gave up his job as defence minister.

"Arik should have shared responsibility for planning security policy with other cabinet ministers qualified to assume such responsibility, instead of running a one-man show and merely coming to the cabinet to seek its approval," says Corfu.

"When Arik had a plan, he used to expend an incredible amount of energy and time in persuading the cabinet to give its approval. If he didn't manage the first time, he came back again, and if he didn't manage the second time he came back a third time, with the same points and the same arguments."

(Corfu does not say, but he is apparently thinking of Sharon's proposal to drive the PLO out of Lebanon, which was rejected by the cabinet time and time again, until the terror attack on Ambassador Shimon Argov in London last June helped him tip the scales.)

"Things might not have turned out quite the same way," he says, "if there had been a cabinet security committee worth its salt and capable of effective discussion."

But that particular committee

had 15 ministers instead of six or seven, so what use could it have been in helping to plan security policy," he asks rhetorically.

"Arik managed to marshal support for his proposals in all manner of ways," he continues. "He brought batteries of experts to the cabinet, from the army and the various intelligence services, to back up his theses. He didn't force them to present material which complicated their analyses, of course, but I suppose you might say he impelled them to come and brief us."

CORFU, in all honesty, rejects the suggestion that Sharon tricked the cabinet, flouted cabinet directives, or acted first and sought approval afterwards, except in certain very few cases, in all of which he got the green light in advance from Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

With the same honesty, Corfu insists that he neither criticizes Sharon's ends nor Sharon's means, with regard to the former defence minister's security policies in general, or in Lebanon in particular.

And that is no wonder. Corfu belongs to the same ornithological

group as Begin and Shamir, not only for ideological reasons, but because he identifies with them personally, and bows to the authority and the experience which their underground careers and their mature age confer upon them.

"I don't deny that I didn't always go for Arik's style, or the way he kept on hammering away at the same points and repeating the same arguments, taking up 10 times as much time as he needed in cabinet meetings," Corfu concedes. "But why should I cross swords with Arik over a question of style? And especially when Begin or Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir saw no cause to call Arik to order, or rebuke him?"

FOR ALL THAT, Corfu expresses no nostalgia for the days of Sharon, and perhaps because he sees Sharon's successor, Defence Minister Moshe Arens, as advocate of a hawkish ideological approach which his own mentors, Begin and Shamir, approve of, and which he favours.

"These days, there's no doubt that the government as a whole is more involved in analyzing and

shaping security policy. These days, we take a wider spectrum of considerations into account. There's no more bending political-diplomatic considerations to suit security considerations. We enjoy more credibility in the eyes of the United States, a credibility which we cannot do without. There's less dissonance between our diplomatic stance and our security actions," he says.

Once the Kahan Report on the Sabra and Shatilla affair was published, there was no choice but to move Sharon out of his portfolio, believes Corfu.

"True, a couple of ministers breathed more easily after that move. But you must know there was a lot of bitterness within Herut, against people from our own ranks, who in one way or another did or said something to squeeze Sharon out. Among party colleagues you don't do things like that," he emphasizes.

Corfu mentions no names and drops no hints, but he is clearly referring to the Herut men like Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, whose

testimony didn't sound too good for Sharon, at least in the ears of the public. The traditions of the "fighting family" should have made these men keep their mouths shut, one could gather from his words.

CORFU DOES NOT believe that Sharon's departure from the Defence Ministry reduced his chances of the premiership since that chance did not really exist in the first place.

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That means, first and foremost, a refusal to withdraw its own troops from northern and eastern Lebanon, which Israel has made a condition for its withdrawal — but also an all-out political offensive to galvanize opposition to the accord both within Lebanon itself and in the Arab world at large.

Neither Jerusalem nor Washington appeared particularly perturbed this week by the Syrian position, with officials in both capitals predicting that the sheer weight of Arab opinion would eventually force Damascus to recognize that it cannot continue indefinitely to serve Soviet interests in the region by occupying a sovereign Arab state and by deliberately obstructing an agreement that would secure the withdrawal of Israeli forces from occupied Arab territory.

This prognosis, it seems to me, is unduly optimistic, on several counts.

First, it is by no means certain that the Arab countries — with the exception of such traditional foes of Syria as Jordan and Iraq, and an Egypt anxious to end its own isolation by bringing another Arab country into a state of non-belligerency with Israel — will, in fact, come out in whole-hearted support of the agreement.

Many, including the key Saudis,

SYRIA'S WEST BANK

By DAVID BERNSTEIN



Menachem Begin

Hafez Assad

however much they might sympathize with Lebanon, have already shown that they cannot easily disregard Damascus's argument that the Israeli-Lebanese accord represents an unacceptable reward to Israel for last June's invasion of Lebanon; constitutes an intolerable infringement of Lebanese sovereignty; and, above all, that it flouts last September's Pz Summit resolutions by taking Lebanon out of the general Arab orbit and into a special relationship with Israel.

Furthermore, it is likely to be widely recognized that the agreement, for all President Amin Jemayel's attempts to portray it as no more than an extension of the 1949 Armistice Agreement, was negotiated under extreme duress, with a large part of the country under Israeli occupation and the Presidential Palace in Ba'abda itself under Israeli guns.

But, perhaps, even more important, the above prognosis appears to be based on a somewhat questionable assumption concerning Syria's presence in Lebanon as constituting the occupation of a sovereign country by the invasion forces of a foreign power.

That, certainly, is not how Damascus itself views its presence in Lebanon.

Technically, it has not, in fact, invaded Lebanon, but was invited in by the Lebanese Government at the height of the civil war eight years

ago, and has remained there ever since under an Arab League mandate.

But that is a mere technicality, and there is little reason to believe that Syria will automatically leave Lebanon if it is asked to by the Beirut government, or if its Arab League mandate is not renewed.

Far more significant — and it is this that appears to be insufficiently recognized by American and Israeli

policy-makers — is that Syria's presence in Lebanon, to many Syrians including the present Ba'ath leadership, is as natural and as legitimate as Israel's presence in the West Bank is to many Israelis, including the present Likud leadership.

TO SEE LEBANON as Syria's "West Bank," while by no means an exact analogy, could be a useful ex-

ercise for Israeli policy-makers all too aware of both the historical and strategic importance to Israel of "Judea and Samaria."

Like Jerusalem, modern-day Damascus is heir to the seat of a great regional empire — that of the Umayyads, which extended over much of the Middle East between the years 661-750.

And many Syrians, including the present leadership, still aspire, in theory at least, to restore some of their country's former grandeur. To these, the creation of Syria, Lebanon, Palestine and Transjordan after World War I was part of an illegitimate imperial carve-up of what they regard as "Greater Syria" by the French and British Mandatory powers — a view not unlike that of the present Israeli leadership concerning the amputation of Transjordan from "Greater Eretz Israel" in 1922.

In practical terms, however, Syria's territorial ambitions have centered mainly on Lebanon, whose political independence it has never recognized and with whom it has consistently refused to establish diplomatic relations. This, too, bears analogy with the Likud position, which, while not formally renouncing Israel's historic right to "both banks of the Jordan," has restricted its more realistic ambitions to the West Bank.

And the analogy can be taken further: Syria, like Israel, is today

physically present in a territory it regards as part of its historic birthright — and is probably as reluctant to leave those parts of Lebanon it controls today as Israel would be to leave the West Bank.

What is more, those parts of Lebanon which Syria does control, especially the eastern Bekaa Valley, are viewed by Damascus as crucial to its own defence — much as many Israelis, even those who don't share the present government's sentimental historical attachment to Judea and Samaria, view large parts of the West Bank as crucial to Israel's defence.

Israel's constant reminders that Damascus is today within range of the artillery it has deployed in Lebanon only serve to underscore what is largely a self-evident point.

FOR ALL THAT, there is one obvious difference between the Syrian and Israeli positions: the indications are that, for the right political and perhaps financial price, Syria can yet be persuaded to withdraw its forces from Lebanon — and the same can hardly be said of the present Israeli government concerning the West Bank.

But that price is likely to be a very steep one indeed.

It would probably include a Syrian demand for special security rights in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley, perhaps beyond even those Israel has just negotiated for itself in Southern Lebanon and probably enshrined in some form of mutual defence pact.

It would probably also include a demand for a handsome financial

payoff from Saudi Arabia and the other oil-rich Arab states, who for the past eight years have poured vast sums into Syria's coffers, ostensibly for the upkeep of the exclusively Syrian "Arab Deterrent Force" stationed in Lebanon under an Arab League mandate.

And, perhaps most significant of all, the Syrians are likely to hold out for some form of assurance that they and their superpower sponsor, the Soviet Union, will be brought into a future Middle East peace process that would hold out a realistic chance for the negotiated return of the Golan Heights.

THIS FINAL POINT could be crucial. Important as Lebanon is to Syria, both historically and strategically, the Golan Heights, taken by Israel in 1967, are without a doubt much more so.

Accordingly, Damascus will probably have noted with great interest the unmistakable groundswell in the Arab world during the past week, in favour of linking a Syrian withdrawal from Lebanon with a call for a broadened peace offensive designed to secure an Israeli withdrawal from all the territories it seized in 1967 — including the Golan.

Two key peace-setters in Arab opinion, Saudi Arabia and Algeria, have taken precisely this position. And should their view prevail, the ground would be laid in the weeks ahead for a new Arab summit that would probably make such linkage formal pan-Arab policy.

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TWO STATEMENTS of deep significance for Israel were published last weekend — one in *Ma'ariv* on Friday by Defence Minister Moshe Arens; the other by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz in Washington.

Arens told interviewer Dov Goldstein that "Israel's relations with the U.S. are definitely a weighty component" in "the broad range of Israel's interests" — which are examined one-by-one before the decision is taken. But it is definitely not the dominant component. The dominant component is Israel's relations with Lebanon, the situation in Lebanon and its influence on security in the north."

The inescapable conclusion to be drawn from this assertion is that in embracing the agreement with Lebanon, Arens and his colleagues had been persuaded that the Lebanese Army possesses the necessary degree of indispensable generalship and efficiency, of determination and resolve, to be given the decisive voice in the day-to-day effort to prevent PLO infiltration into Southern Lebanon. What revolutionary knowledge then reached the Israeli negotiators after the arrival of Mr. Shultz on the scene to justify so drastic a reversal of their opinion about the Lebanese Army?

It transpired, later in Arens's interview, that in fact no change had taken place in their view of the Lebanese Army's capacity. On this question, Arens replied that "there were different evaluations. The Lebanese were the most optimistic. We were the most sceptical and the most realistic. The Americans were

in the middle."

On the issue most crucial to Israel, the most pregnant with danger — the security of northern Israel, the cause of Operation Peace for Galilee — the Israeli negotiators simply abandoned their scepticism and their realism and accepted Shultz's plan (and, in effect, Lebanese "optimism").

Presumably trying to mitigate the gravity of such an abandonment, Arens added that "there was no doubt about the desire of the Lebanese to prevent the return of the terrorists."

So what? The crucial question is not whether the Lebanese have good intentions — but their capacity. After all, throughout the crisis their most notable characteristic has been passivity, failure to act at all (for which Israel has been paying a price in lives).

Arens himself, knowingly or unknowingly, simply demolished his earlier claim that the dominant element in the government's decision was not its desire to placate the Americans. It was, of course (even if Arens had not obviously admitted it), blatantly the dominant element — just as in the past firmly held, final and irreversible Israeli government positions have collapsed at the end of disagreements with U.S. negotiators.

THIS GOES FAR to explain Mr. Shultz's statements, on his return to Washington, reported on Israeli Radio on Saturday. He forecast that in spite of its outright rejection of the Reagan Plan, Israel would yet agree to negotiate with Jordan on the basis of the plan.

Surrender to Washington

By SHMUEL KATZ

Shultz knows that Jerusalem holds that the plan's consummation would threaten Israel's very existence. His forecast is, therefore, a grave reflection on the Israeli government's steadfastness and its sense of responsibility. Whence does he draw his confidence?

First, from his own experience; his success with Arens and his colleagues over Lebanon. More significantly, he has certainly been briefed by the State Department experts, who have a fat file on how to handle Israeli negotiators. Their experience did not start with the Likud, but with the Labour government. It is stark in its outline.

In 1973, in spite of the disastrous opening of the Yom Kippur War, Israel was on the brink of overwhelming victory and, as then foreign minister Abba Eban asserted, the government was not even thinking of a cease-fire but only of victory. It nevertheless accepted a cease-fire resolution dictated — via Moscow — by U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Then it abandoned its proposal (generously put forward in spite of Israel's tremendous advantage in the field) to restore the status quo

ante, and agreed to withdraw both from the large enclave it held inside Egypt and from the canal — all for good relations with the U.S., which was seeking Egyptian favours.

Several months later, it repeated the performance on the Syrian front. After weeks of resistance to Kissinger's demands, the Golda Meir government caved in, returned to Syria the captured enclave and, for good measure, a slice of the Golan Heights captured in 1967.

Here was manifestly — in both cases — acceptance of the posture of defeat in the field — where Israel had lost 3,000 dead — all for those good relations.

A further price was yet to be paid — in 1975 — by further withdrawal in Sinai. The Rabin government at first refused to hear of surrender of the vital Mitla and Gidi passes and the Abu Rudeis oilfields — but in the end it capitulated, demonstratively as a favour to Washington.

NOW CAME the turn of the Likud. The allegedly formidable, intransigent Mr. Begin turned out to be formidable and intransigent only

temporarily. Throughout the negotiations on the "peace plan," he finally accepted nearly every American formulation — which he had declared in the process unacceptable, jettisoning cherished and long-proclaimed principles.

At the Camp David conference, which came after nine months of preparatory negotiations with Washington, only an emasculated remnant remained of his original autonomy peace plan. Nor did the agreement contain a hint of Zionist purpose, of the Jewish relationship and right to the Land of Israel; on the contrary, it quashed (if it were to be consummated) any hope of future Israeli sovereignty in Judea and Samaria.

In the negotiations for the subsequent peace treaty, President Anwar Sadat at the last moment demanded the nullification of the clause which would prohibit Egypt from going to war with Israel in fulfillment of previous pacts with the other Arab States. Begin — correctly — proclaimed this would make the treaty a "sham treaty."

President Jimmy Carter, however, anxious for a foreign policy success, pressed Begin, and an annex satisfying Sadat was introduced into the text.

In Lebanon, in 1981, with the PLO on the brink of a major defeat, Israel agreed to a cease-fire, expressly at Washington's demand.

In fact, it was in response to an appeal by Yasser Arafat, passed on to Washington by Saudi Arabia.

The PLO, given the respite, then reorganized and, with Soviet aid, launched the tremendous build-up which preceded and made neces-

sary Operation Peace for Galilee in 1982.

The series of Israel's self-inflicted diplomatic defeats in the negotiations with the Lebanese government — which was, in fact, sustained and primed by the American "mediators" — are too fresh to require repetition. It is always the same story of withdrawal from "firm" positions.

MOST SYMBOLIC of the government's performance since 1977 was the surrender of Yamit and the villages in Sinai.

What could have been more solemn, more credible, than the prime minister's promise not to evacuate them?

That surrender provided U.S. statesmanship with a most telling guideline. It was cited in 1978 by Harold Saunders (a senior State Department official) as an example. His pithy formula is surely now learned by rote by all his successors.

"The art in this process," he said, "is to put the issues in sequence, so that one decision leads to another... An example of how this works is found in the decision of the Israeli government to remove the settlers from Sinai. A few weeks ago, that decision would not have been possible. But when the issue became the last remaining issue between Israel and a peace agreement with Egypt, then the Israeli people made the judgment that that issue should be resolved. It's possible in dealing with the many complicated issues that concern the Palestinians to see a similar sequence of issues that could be resolved."

Now, in 1983, the price

demanded for the next round of improved relations with Washington will be the "freezing" of the settlements.

THERE ARE serious psychological reasons for Israel's repeated defeats in the diplomatic field, more specifically in relations with the U.S. They deserve special examination.

What is more apparent is the "economic" reason; the perceived "dependence" of Israel on the U.S.

One of the central sins of Israeli governments has been their failure to reduce the need for financial assistance from the U.S. Particularly guilty has been the Likud, which promised drastic reforms in economic policy.

It is not true that Israel is "dependent" on the U.S. There exists, in fact, a state of mutual dependency. Israel's benefits are immediate and visible, while its contributions are long-term and less tangible.

There exists, however, among many Americans, a conviction of Israeli dependence. What is worse, many Israelis have a sense of dependence; worst of all, it is a sense that exists also among Israeli leaders.

But the moral health of the people of Israel requires in any case that they live within their means and that they reduce and finally cease their requests for American handouts.

A drastic change in Israeli economic policy is urgent — along the lines tried by Yigal Hurvitz three years ago — both for that moral health and as a vital corrective to the way Israel has been handling its relations with the U.S.

WHEN MINISTER Aharon Uzan moved into the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs about a year ago to take over from Aharon Abuhaitzeira, he said that his team would put the stress on "labour," that is, getting people to work. It sounded then like a cheap slogan that politicians toss off when they can think of nothing better to say.

For the first few months of Uzan's tenure, the press kept badgering the heads of the ministry to disclose the "special approach" to labour and welfare issues that Tami had promised to apply. That was the time of the uproar over Tami's successful effort to replace National Insurance head Rafi Roter, an experienced professional, by Danny Azriel, whose main qualifications were his party and ethnic background.

The commotion in the ministry over attempts to appoint party men to key positions also became identified with Tami's special approach, which in most people's eyes meant simply ethnic favouritism.

Last week, when Deputy Minister Ben-Zion Rubin addressed a near-empty Knesset chamber on the ministry's budget for 1982/83, the first real indication of Tami's special approach appeared, even if one had to read between the lines to find it.

While bemoaning the fact that the ministry's budget had been cut slightly in real terms compared with last year's, Rubin announced that there would be a 10 per cent increase in the number of places available in vocational training courses. He also said that a special team had been set up in the ministry to monitor the employment situation over the next few months, when more layoffs in industry are expected if exports continue to decline. Work, jobs, vocational training. It began to add up to more than a slogan, especially if one considers that increasing allocations for

Tami between the lines

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

one area in a shrinking budget means making serious cuts in others.

There is no better way to reveal a political group's underlying values and conceptions than to force it to make a decision on priorities. A group without any clear sense of direction or priorities faced with a lower budget would have made across-the-board cuts in expenses or would have allowed itself to be pushed into selective cuts by outside pressures. In either case there would have been no real choices.

AMONG THE vocational programmes mentioned in the budget address, four will receive special attention during the coming year:

The first is a new programme to be set up within Project Renewal to teach skills, work habits and discipline to problematic youth in their teens and early twenties whose employment prospects have been virtually written off by everyone, including themselves. This programme has stalled recently, due to what appears to be formal objections by the heads of Project Renewal in the Housing Ministry.

The second is less a programme than a commitment that any teenager who is unable to cope with the demands of the regular school system will find a place in apprenticeship courses run by the ministry. This sounds like something that should be obvious, but it isn't.

In contrast to the schools run by the Education Ministry, which are funded on an open-ended basis by the Treasury in accordance with the number of pupils registered, the apprenticeship budget is fixed in advance and limited to a specific number of pupils, which totalled 10,000 last year. This has led to the absurd — and cruel — situation where young people who couldn't manage in the regular schools have been turned away from the only framework tailored to their limited academic abilities.

The ministry has now committed

itself to recurrent budgetary battles with the Treasury during the coming year in its struggle to find a place for these youngsters, some only a step away from delinquency.

Thirdly, the ministry wants to increase the number of teenagers who learn a trade and acquire some self-esteem by working in IDF maintenance shops. Most of these youngsters come straight off the streets to the workshops, since they have failed to make a go of it even in apprenticeship programmes.

The fourth programme is an expansion of the preparatory courses attached to technical colleges, which provide intensive lessons in mathematics, physics and English. The aim is to increase the number of students in these special courses from the past year's figure of 1,800 to between 2,500 and 3,000, and to increase the percentage of discharged soldiers accepted.

What these four programmes have in common is that they attempt to provide a "second chance" for young people to get a firm foothold on a path that will lead to a decent job and a productive life. The groups served by them vary widely in their backgrounds and abilities, from the stum kid whose second chance may be his last to get on a path that will keep him out of jail, to the young man who had finished 11th grade before his army service and needs a refresher course

before he can fulfil his plan to become an electronics technician.

What emerges from between the lines of Rubin's Knesset address resonates with sentiments expressed over the past year by Uzan and director-general Asher Ohayon.

When Uzan made his statement about getting people to work, he added that enough — perhaps too much — emphasis had been placed in the past on "welfare." To him and other Tami spokesmen, welfare in its popular sense symbolizes the degrading status to which many Oriental immigrants of the 1950s and early 1960s had sunk in their efforts to keep themselves and their families alive.

When there was no work in those days, and no unemployment insurance either, the only alternative for many was to surrender one's self-respect by becoming a "welfare case," dependent on the handouts of the authorities. Or if there was work, it was often "make work" jobs that also robbed a man of his dignity.

Discussing the ministry's plans to cope with a possible rise in unemployment in the next few months, Ohayon recently threw out the comment that "of course, the ministry is not considering 'make work' as a solution."

Who would have thought otherwise? The experience of the "bad old days" is evidently still eating away at him, and at other Tami leaders of the immigrant generation. There seems to be no other explanation for his gratuitous

reference to "make work," which is about as remote from today's employment scene as the swamps of the Third Alitya.

PART OF THIS Tami complex of attitudes and experiences — it is too inarticulate to be termed an ideology — is an antipathy or at best an ambivalence, to social work, which the heads of the ministry can barely conceal at times.

On a practical level, they are well aware of the need for social workers to help many types of people with their problems. But the image of the social worker is still linked with the collective traumas of the past. It was the social worker, after all, to whom you portrayed yourself as a helpless *misken* to get handouts.

It was thus with a sense of pride and relief that the heads of the ministry were last year able to transfer responsibility for welfare payments from their local bureaux to the National Insurance Institute. This act, it should be noted, completed a process of welfare reform begun over 10 years ago.

Aggravating Tami's sensitivity to social workers has been the abrasive personality of the head of the Social Workers' Union, Raya Retig, who has been involved in several personal and policy clashes with the heads of the ministry.

Last year the union issued *waza* has to qualify as an hysterical press release attacking the heads of the

ministry, mainly Ohayon, for circulating among senior ministry officials a magazine that contained articles critical of social work.

Tami's battle over the last year for the passage of the Large Families Law also seems to have been motivated to some extent by the traumas experienced by the past waves of Oriental immigrants. In those days, the typical poverty case was an Oriental family with eight or 10 children, in which either one or both parents were incapable of raising children or supporting them.

In 1981, families with four or more children comprised 20 per cent of those below the poverty line. Moreover, most of the new welfare cases that turn up today on the doorsteps of the local social bureaux are young couples determined to keep their families small. They are the children of the typical poverty family of 25 years ago...

So the Large Families Law benefits many families with a decent income, while failing to improve the situation of many second-generation poverty families. But for Tami, the law corrects an historical injustice, and defines the benefits as rights provided by National Insurance instead of as hand-outs.

The law is also an excellent selling point to Tami's electorate, which is less concerned with history than with "What have you done for me lately?"

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Jerusalem Post Reporter Macabee Dean talks to Gad Ya'acobi, MK, about the state of the nation's finances

'The future is terrifying'



Gad Ya'acobi...critical of the Stock Exchange.

(Nackstrand)

EVERY ISRAELI owes \$1,250 — \$1,549,375.

This means that the share of an average Israeli family of four persons in our national debt is \$375,000 or \$1,957,500, says Gad Ya'acobi, M.K., chairman of the Finance Committee.

And a leading contender for one of the economic ministries if the Alignment is returned to power at the next elections.

He used this "personal example" in an interview this week to drive home the gravity of the country's situation, for he believes that the average person and even some economists find it hard to grasp concepts of millions and billions of dollars and trillions of shekels. If the above figures are re-translated into billions, they mean that the state has not foreign debts of \$22 billion and local, internal debts (mainly in index-linked bonds, etc.) of \$23 billion.

"If these figures frighten you, so they should," says Ya'acobi. "But a worse thing is that the debt is growing steadily with the external debt having increased by \$4b. in the past two years. Secondly, the future is terrifying."

Israel will have to pay off loans of \$6.1b. including about \$1.5b. in interest, during 1983. True, the loans themselves can be "rolled over" (as can the internal debt); that is to say, new loans can be taken out to cover those falling due, or those falling due can be extended. "But there will come a day when it will be well nigh impossible to continue doing this."

He points out, for example, that 60 per cent of the country's foreign debt is owed to the U.S. government.

"In 1983, the aid we will receive from the American Government will be barely sufficient to pay off our debts (and interest on other debts) to this same government. In other words, we can expect America's actual net help to be one big fat zero. It is hard to borrow money if the lender knows that the chance of getting it back grows dimmer year by year," he says.

The same situation — of payments equalling income for a net total of zero — was reached with the Bonds in 1981. In 1982/3, due to the enticing "sale" of the projected Mediterranean — Dead Sea Canal, the net income from the Bonds totalled \$16m. But although well over \$100m. flowed into the country from the Bonds, the same amount (less \$16m.) flowed out to cover those being redeemed.

ALL THESE figures prove one thing, says Ya'acobi, namely, that the "correct economic policy" of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor could better be termed the "incorrupt economic policy," going on to point to many other factors that have received much publicity of late, such as soaring inflation, the drop in industrial and agricultural exports, the rise in the import of consumer goods, and the ever-widening gap in the balance of payments.

How much of this is due, we asked, to external causes over which Israel has no control, specifically, the worldwide economic recession?

"The recession abroad has indeed hampered our export drive, but there are other reasons for our drop in exports, reasons which we could control, such as giving industrial and agricultural exporters more help. But the main thing everybody forgets is that this foreign recession also helped us, since Israel is a prime importing country. For example, in 1982, due to lower prices abroad, we cut our import bill by \$530m. In addition, our military imports fell by \$600m. If these two sums had not been saved, our adverse balance of payments in 1982 would have risen from \$4.7b.

to almost \$6b. And in the first four months of 1983, lower prices for imported petroleum alone saved us about \$165m. So the recession abroad is far from being a good alibi for the present situation."

WHAT INFLUENCE did the Peace for Galilee campaign have on our economic situation?

"We could have controlled the scope of the war, even if we had decided that the war was necessary. Moreover, when a government decides to go to war, it should take factors other than purely military into consideration, namely, the effect on the economy, and the measures needed to counter these effects. All wars are inflationary, and generally increase the adverse payments gap. But steps could have been taken to reduce the harmful effects to a minimum. Those steps were not taken."

Ya'acobi estimates (based on his consultations with several leading economists) that the war will eventually cost some \$2,225m. Of this, about \$1b. has already been expended, and another \$1,250m. will have to be spent to replace the "tools of war" which were burned out or destroyed and to acquire more modern ones. About half this sum will be spent in foreign currency, about half in local currency.

But the war also had other detrimental effects which have not received the public attention they deserve. First of all, it reduced productivity in 1982 by 3 to 4 per cent because of the mobilization and call-ups, and even now "it is keeping between 20,000 and 25,000 men out of the work force. When they are released from active duty, there is a good likelihood that many will join the ranks of the unemployed. If this is so, the unemployment rate will grow from about 5 per cent — which is bad but tolerable, especially since this percentage includes many "unemployables" — to about 7 per cent. This is a huge jump, for those returning soldiers are "employable" in the finest sense of the word."

Just as distressing, says Ya'acobi, are the youngsters who joined the work force in the five years ending on December 31, 1982 and who are in employment.

"Of these 100,000, only 8,000 found work in industry, and perhaps another few thousand in other 'productive fields.' But about 90,000 went into 'business' or into the public services. Of these, 32,000 joined the financial network, so that four times as many youngsters are 'counting money' as are making money through productive efforts."

"This country's future lies in building up its productive base, not the instruments which should serve this productive base," he says, noting that "all too many people are still going around with their heads in the clouds, impressed with a statement made years ago by Simha Ehrlich, when he was finance minister. He said that Israel was destined to become a world financial centre."

The result was that people began to "play the market" in the hope of making a quick fortune. Ya'acobi is highly critical of the development of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange in the past few years.

"Its stated purpose was to raise capital for productive enterprises, especially those aimed at exporting, and in reality it has turned into a huge gambling casino. The high rate of inflation, the ability to make 5 and even 10 per cent profits in a short time, distorted the values of

all too many people until the market began crashing. SINCE THE liberalization upheaval at the end of 1977, according to Ya'acobi, prices have risen by 5,300 per cent, i.e., 53-fold. This is "twice as much as they rose in the 29 years of administration by various Labour-led governments."

He charges categorically that there is no objective reason for this enormous rate of inflation. "It was a result of the Likud's defective

economic policies. The 1977 liberalization was followed by a big devaluation, but this was not accompanied by suitable steps to ensure that the devaluation did not lose its effect."

In 1974, the Alignment also carried out a major devaluation, but simultaneously took protective measures. Prices did soar by 34 per cent in 1974, but by 1977 the rate of inflation was down to an annual rate of 26 per cent.

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There is less than a month left to register.

The Organization for the

Implementation of the Social Security Agreement (Israel-West Germany) has taken urgent action in order to make it possible for Israeli citizens to realize their right during the short time left. The organization will assist those who apply to it to register with the German national insurance institute. Because of the amount of material to be handled, the Organization will stop receiving applications on May 27, 1983.

Here is the opinion of the experts:

Organizations, Institutions and Bureaux that have received registration forms for their members

are asked to let us have these immediately, filled in and signed, to allow us to effect registration at the West German National Pensions Office in time.

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The yield of the German social security scheme has been checked by actuaries, including Mr. Yitzhak Blass, formerly chief actuary of the Histadrut's pension funds. It was found that, in most cases, the German scheme gives one twice (or more) what any comparable Israeli scheme yields.

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Cedars of Jerusalem

TORA AND FLORA / Louis I. Rabinowitz

SOME MISTAKES have a way of defying correction. Thus, in my last column, an editor's error had me repeating the very statement I made in my column of December 24 — that there is but one cedar in Jerusalem.

The way in which the mistake was brought to my notice made me think of a statement by the talmudic sage: "Much have I learned from my masters, more from my colleagues, but most of all from my disciples."

In my case, I would change the word "disciples" to "readers."

When my column on cedars appeared last December, I received a call from Laura Landau, wife of Judge Asher Fink Landau, formerly president of the Jerusalem District Court. Mrs. Landau is a guide, and on the basis of our close friendship, she told me that I was "nuts" in overlooking the cedars of Lebanon in the botanical gardens on Mt. Scopus.

A week later, Dr. Louis Katzoff brought to my attention a newspaper article of that day referring to the eight cedars planted by Conrad Schick, ex-missionary and gifted architect, in the Nansen Hospital in Jaffa which still stand there in all their majesty.

The most detailed communication I received came from Prof. Bytinsky-Salz of the zoology department of Tel Aviv University. He also drew my attention to the "beautiful cedar grove" in the

botanical gardens, adding "As far as I remember, I was told that the late Prof. Eig fetched the seedlings from the Lebanon in the early Thirties."

I referred to my notes and came across a quotation from Uriah Feldman's *Tsimchei Torah* stating that "Professor Eig made a determined attempt to plant them in Jerusalem, and planted 200 saplings," but added, "It is uncertain what their fate is today." "Today" was between 1948 and 1967, when we had no access to them, and these cedars were not given the irrigation to ensure their full growth.

Acting on a suggestion by Prof. Bytinsky-Salz, I contacted Dr. Avishai the curator of the botanical gardens, who was good enough to show me the more than 100 trees planted there in 1934.

But that is not all. Incredible though it may sound, Dr. Irving Zidman of the Israel Fibre Institute drew my attention to a cedar of Lebanon growing on a public thoroughfare in Jerusalem. In a small recess behind the pavement outside the Convent of the Sisters of the Rosary in Agron Street, opposite Independence Park, there stands a young but beautiful and sturdy cedar. It was planted by the devoted head of parks department of the municipality, Mr. Darwish, who was also responsible for a number in the park itself, about 100 metres from the residence of Judge Landau.

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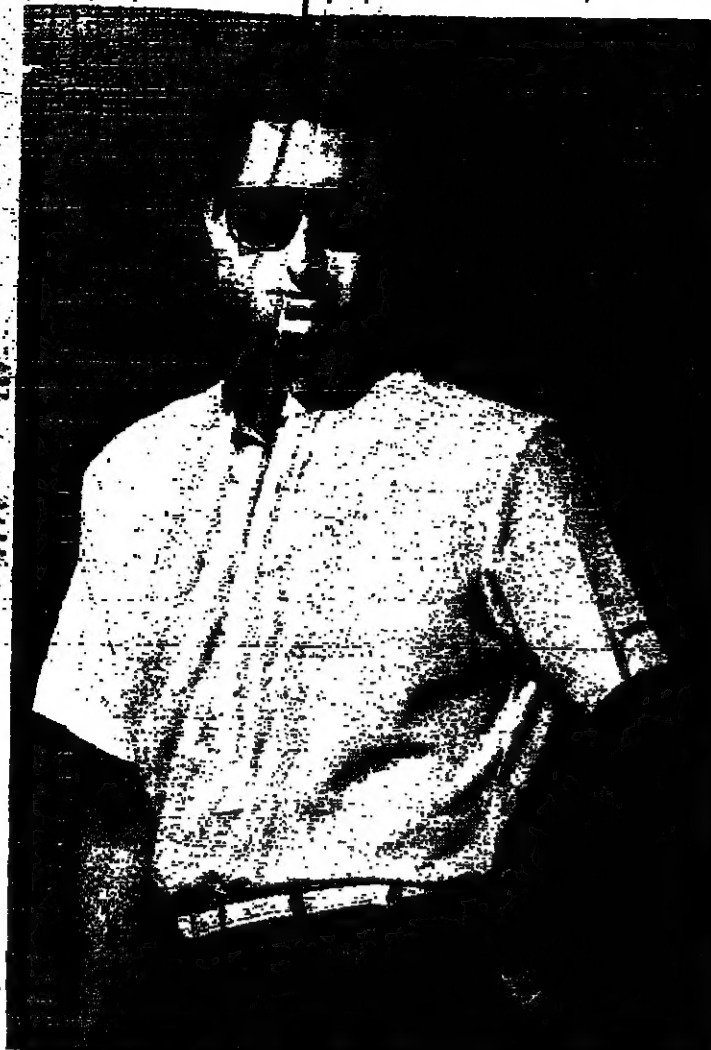
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Photos from lower left, clockwise: Niba's pin-tucked chemise; Lahav's fine-textured shirt (Michel Tessier); printed mesh top by Papco (Farag); Sixteen Plus tricot twosome (Yaki Halperin); "graded stripes" look by Helen Knits (Yaki Halperin).



Spotlight on summer

Greer Fay Cashman takes a peek at warm-weather fashions — on and off the runway.

EARLIER this month, *Time* magazine devoted a four-page feature to the theatrical (re)volution in the world of top-designer fashions. That's a lot of space considering that more serious subjects — such as the negotiations between Israel and Lebanon, and Soviet spying in Sweden — did not even merit four columns.

The message which came across in *Time* was that fashion designers, like pop singers, are cult figures with their own groupies who flock to new season's showings. Those who are especially chummy with the designer get front-row seats, so that they can be on view as much as the collection is itself. Scalpers have discovered a lucrative business in selling tickets to desperate groupies without sufficient *protektzia* to make the invitation list.

And what these people are coming to see are spectacular extravaganzas which often resemble a scaled-down Ziegfeld Follies. The high points in these dramatic presentations are the clothes, few of which ever make it from the runway to the street. The fanciful, often outrageous glad-rags are paraded before adoring audiences to enthusiastic applause and gushing compliments.

The exaggerated styles are not really meant to be worn, but to give direction in terms of shape, colour and fabric. Diluted variations are quickly produced by minor designers, but the Masters reap the credit for "The Look."

Fanciful fashion shows crop up with less frequency in Israel, and

when anyone does go to the expense of a gala event with all the trappings, it still lacks the excitement of the Paris scene. This is partially because Israeli designers are still walking in the shadows of European trend-setters and, more significantly, Israeli manufacturers are loath to produce mere showpieces.

Many of the creations displayed locally are already in the shops, and there is that feeling on the part of the audience of having seen it all before. The boredom weighs even heavier because of the sameness of the locale: The most frequently selected venues for Israeli fashion shows are a handful of hotels on Tel Aviv's Hayarkon Street, where the backdrop rarely changes and the service is deteriorating.

Thus it was refreshing to view the recent Papco show which represented a dual change in format. It was the first time that Papco barely included its foundation fabric — velvet — and concentrated instead on multi-textured knitted and woven cottons. Better still, the show took place in the one-of-a-kind, revamped Farag studio, formerly a movie house, which is replete with thick carpeting and indoor rock-gardens with fountains.

It was almost like being on a movie set, with props and arc lights all over and background scenery carefully constructed on different levels to permit the photographer to pose the model in different environments within minutes.

Papco has expanded its men's-wear line to include stunning T-shirts and well-cut pants; its fair sex

fashions veer from jaunty, snug-fitting sporty styles to generously cut feminine silhouettes. Particularly attractive are wing-sleeved tops in plain and printed mesh.

Papco achieves togetherness in look-alike styles for him and her in identical fabrics with slight differences in details. Colour statements begin with white and gentle pastels, swimming into bright sea-blues and greens, surfacing into strong primaries and climaxing with dramatic black.

THE ANTICIPATION in any fashion show is in seeing something new and different. Fashion writers are often disappointed because most of the larger manufacturers trot out more or less the same collections for the local market as they presented at earlier export showings. In this respect, Papco was a delightful surprise, as was Niba.

There was very little, if any, evidence in the Niba Summer '83 collection, designed by Shuky Levy and Jenny B., of the garments paraded for foreign buyers last August. In line with Niba's ongoing rejuvenation policy, there was a fresh crispness to the collection. The only fault was in the lack of balance between sportswear and cocktail wear — the latter being a trifle too fizzy in comparison to the clean, generally uncluttered look in the sportswear separates.

Niba favours the big blouson top — mostly in cotton — as a team-mate with abbreviated shorts, skirts of varying lengths, culottes and flared-up pants. Mesh T-shirts with strategically placed pouch pockets feature prominently. Fanciful mesh is also used extensively for trims and panel inserts, in the same or contrasting colours, with particularly good visual effects in combinations of beige and rust.

White is the most dominant colour, showing up strongly in both daytime and evening wear. Black is a close second.

There is still a trace of the old

Niba image in some of the fancy lines which somehow lack the simple sophistication of the sportswear, but it is interesting to see the attempt which has been made to turn the current "Me Tarzan You Jane" safari-style towards something which moves to a rhythm other than that of the jungle.

The best news is that compared to the rate of inflation, Niba's prices have come down and average at between IS 1,500 to IS 2,400 — the higher price being for a two-piece set.

A new label on the market, Miss Anva, is the latest development in a series of expansions by a veteran Israeli company which started by producing ties, later launched into importing international brand-name men's-wear, and subsequently began producing its own lines for men and women.

Miss Anva, initiated earlier this year, is primarily composed of coordinated cotton separates designed by Zahava Baranovitz for women in the over-25 age group.

A self-taught designer, Baranovitz has been making her own clothes for years. What began as a hobby took on the proportions of a full-time business. Baranovitz joined forces with long-time friend and fashion co-ordinator Hayel Prigat, and their venture succeeded until it became too much for them. To the dismay of their growing clientele, the two women decided to close up shop.

Among their regular customers had been the wife of Anva's manager, Aharon Shaya. Distressed at having to find another source for her wardrobe, she voiced her frustrations to her husband who offered Baranovitz and Prigat the chance to keep on doing what they love best without the worries of administration and overheads.

Miss Anva styling is deliberately simple to suit women of all ages and to be appropriate for morning, noon and night, depending on accessories for change of mood. The emphasis

is on solids and blocks of contrasting colours, with occasional stripes and Hawaiian floral prints. Most noteworthy is the finish, which is meticulous both inside and out.

IF WOMEN are confused by the vagaries of today's fashion, men are having just as tough a time trying to decide what to wear. There is as much variety and lack of specific direction for him as there is for her.

New men's-wear lines currently being promoted by the International Wool Secretariat start out in winter garb with an elegant, finely striped worsted business suit, and move on to a working-class look that seems to have come straight out of the Welsh coal mines — except that no Welsh coal miner could afford to gad about in wool duds of such high quality.

Somewhere in between the two is a brushed, bulky wool cape-coat suggestive of Sherlock Holmes and — for anyone seeking a more rugged, rustic image — there is a big herringbone tweed coat in Shetland wool featuring huge bellows pockets and heavy seaming on shoulders and sleeves.

For the sporty look, there's the perennial tweed jacket with side vents and patch pockets, paired with worsted trousers. And for the flamboyant dresser, there's a raglan-shouldered jacket in soft blanket plaid, in a colour combination of indigo, violet, orange, grey and magenta. Finer wools and wool/silk blends for summer merge formal and casual; comfort and drama. Rugged sporty shirts are co-ordinated with strictly tailored, well-constructed jackets.

Whether or not these fashions will catch on in Israel is anyone's guess. Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor's ruling on appropriate attire for parliamentary gatherings has not produced much evidence of sartorial splendour, and Israel's male population in general still shows a preference for T-shirts and

jeans over two-and three-piece suits.

Local retailers, however, are beginning to stock a lot more elegant lines in both casual and formal attire, so there may be hope yet that the male of the species will pull up his socks in more ways than one.

On the local men's-wear scene, Lahav is featuring an attractive range of elegant, sporty shirts, with and without collars, pockets, and hidden buttons. Short-sleeved shirts retail from IS 400 to IS 650, and long-sleeved shirts from IS 850 to IS 1,250.

Helen Knits is aiming to popularise knitwear for summer with chic and sexy styling in fine boucles, rainbow-hued ribbed textures, and graded stripes in dresses, blouson tops, T-shirts, cardigans, vests, shorts, pants, culottes and skirts with a great choice of interchangeable. For evening dressing, Helen Knits gives a lift to black with white flecks, spots and reed-thin stripes.

Tight budgets notwithstanding, many fashion firms are expanding their lines. Gideon Oberson last year began designing sun-glasses in addition to fabrics for Niba, and couture and swimwear under his own name. He also went into partnership with Niba's Israel Baruch to produce an active line for young sophisticates under the Sixteen Plus label.

The special Oberson touches in jogging suits and allied gear created a demand for equal treatment for younger fry. Oberson obliged and this year introduced a host of kids'

clothes which are already selling like hot-cakes. He is also selling signature towels to match his beachwear.

ALSO EXPANDING is Gottle: Israel's premier swimwear manufacturer which is now marketing "Gottle Active" body suits, leotards and tights made from lycra/nylon and lycra/cotton. Several items from the "Gottle Active" collection were worn by Maccabi Tel Aviv female swimmers during the recent Hapo Games.

What is lacking in the Israeli fashion merry-go-round is snob appeal. There are certain designers whose price-tags feature figures higher than the average monthly salary, but it's still not the same as prancing around in originals.

Now there's some consolation offered by Plus 20 Co. (1983) of Dizengoff Centre, who stock exclusive Carrera, Porsche and Schafhausen sunglasses, goggles, watches, travel bags, cigarette lighters, et al.

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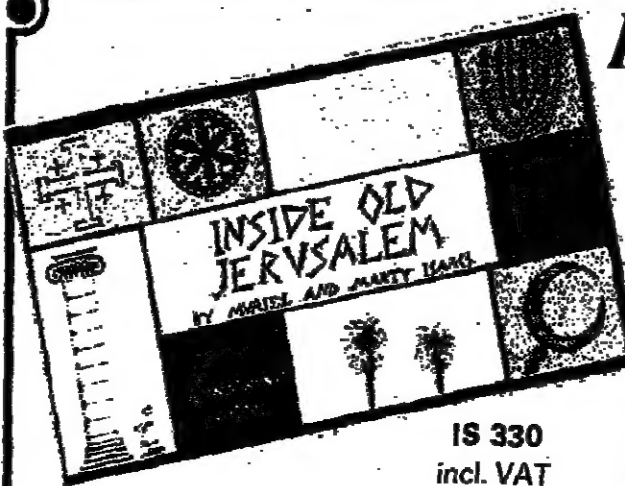
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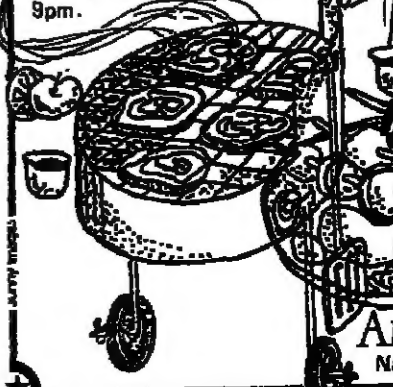
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ALMOST A YEAR after the start of the war in Lebanon, British media treatment of that war is under renewed attack.

It began when the London-based Institute of Jewish Affairs, the research arm of the World Jewish Congress, organized a seminar on "The Media and the Lebanon War" in which four leading representatives of the British media participated.

That, in turn, prompted a lengthy *Times* leader this week which stated that whatever the political movement achieved by the war, it does not entitle "the Begin government or its apologists in the west to rewrite the record by claiming that Israeli actions in Beirut were 'justified and distorted' by the Western media. That just will not wash."

The seminar was presided over by William Frankel, former editor of the *Jewish Chronicle* and former adviser to *The Times* on Jewish affairs. He was roundly applauded when he said that "there is virtual unanimity throughout the Jewish world that the media vilified and distorted the Israeli case, that news was slanted, opinions were biased and the Israeli case either not presented or presented unfairly." (His claim was supported by only one of the four panelists, Melvin Lasky, the Jewish editor of the magazine *Encounter*. He spoke of the "shallowness and cheapness" of some of the correspondents covering the war and

British media under fire

By HYAM CORNEY / Post London Correspondent

said that what he read in the press not only in Britain but also in America and West Germany "showed patterns of bias and prejudice against Israel and Jews."

Jeremy Isaacs, head of television's new Channel Four which had not started operating at the time of the war, said that he did not detect that bias. He described *The Times* correspondent in Beirut, Robert Fisk, who was in the audience, as "one of the best journalists in the British press." Bias, said Isaacs, is in the eye of the beholder. As for television, what he saw on his screen each night during the fighting "made it hard for me as a Jew to take what was happening. It showed something we didn't like seeing. But it was not biased."

REPRESENTING the BBC on the panel was Roy Walters, deputy editor of Radio News. There was a burst of ironic laughter from the mainly Jewish audience when he

claimed that "the objective of the BBC was not to take sides." In fact, he pointed out, the BBC was legally obliged not to take sides in any dispute.

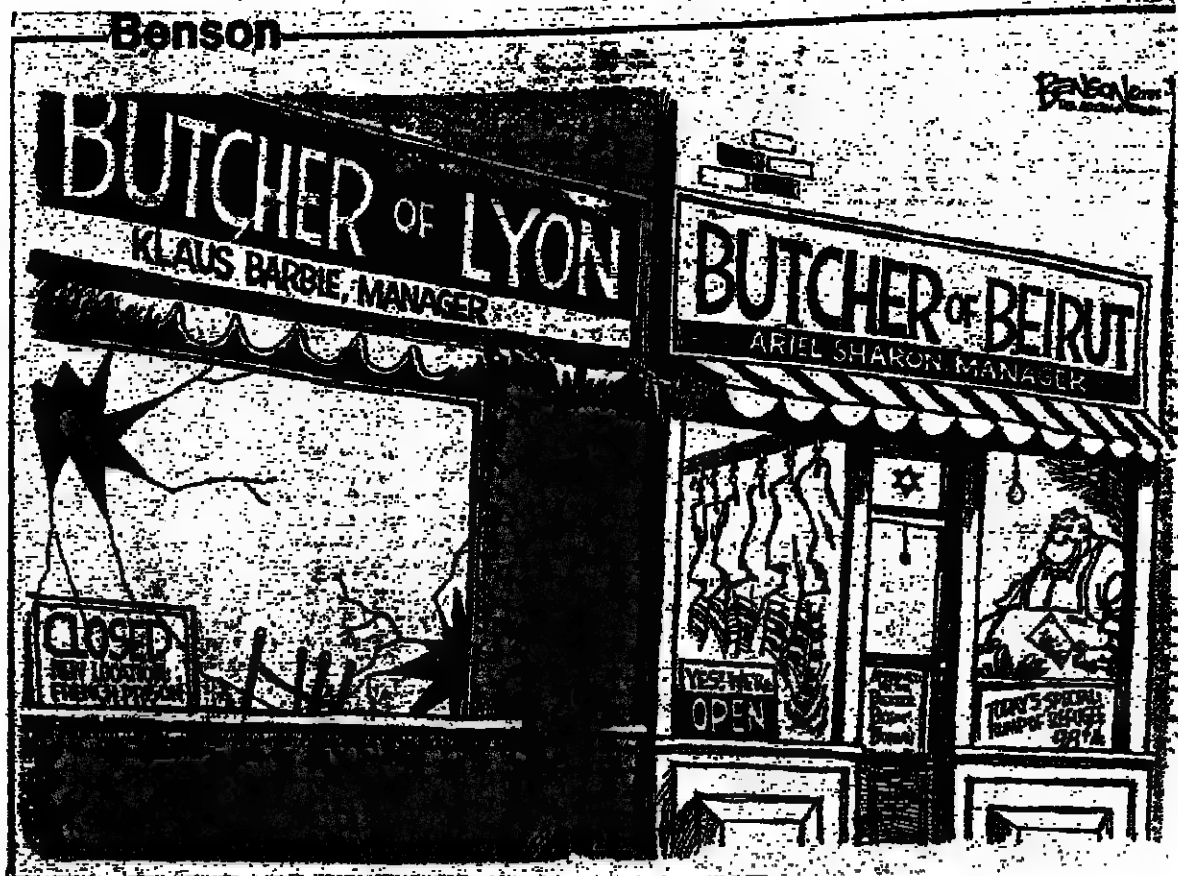
He conceded that there were "minor factual errors," but these were inevitable, given the circumstances, and were certainly not the result of bias. Surprisingly, in view of the anger the Jewish community felt towards the media throughout the war, Walters claimed that the BBC received very few complaints.

Donald Treford, editor of the *Sunday Observer*, which published several outstanding pro-Israel articles during the conflict, also admitted that errors were made, especially with regard to the publication of exaggerated casualty figures. One of the reasons, he said, was that Israel did not provide "the kind of military briefings it did in earlier wars." He also revealed that he came under pressure from pro-Arab lobbyists, because of Connor Cruise O'Brien's

outspoken pro-Israel series.

APART FROM Fisk, the audience also included Tim Llewellyn, who was the BBC correspondent in Beirut at the start of the war, and Edward Mortimer, Middle East expert of *The Times*, who has a known pro-Arab bias. It is suspected that Mortimer was the author of the *Times* editorial this week which described Israeli supporters in Britain as "expatriates" who have "an understandable oversensitivity when a minority falls under the shadow of critical majority opinion."

In a generally hostile leader, even Mortimer — or whoever wrote it — had to admit to "some stage management of television films and some newspaper reporting" during the fighting. That, it was claimed, was "an inevitable casualty of war in any circumstances." But to suggest that "it was Israel which was a greater victim than the thousands of innocent victims who died is to reveal, on the part of spokesmen in Jerusalem and their apologists in the West, a reluctance to take criticism and an inability to be fully aware of the consequences of one's actions — let alone accept responsibility for them — which is truly alarming." So angry is the tone of the editorial that one is left wondering just who is reluctant to take criticism — Israel's so-called "apologists" or Edward Mortimer and his colleagues in the British media.



A cartoon by Steven Benson in Phoenix's 'Arizona Republic'...odious comparisons.

Unfunny cartoons

By ABRAHAM FOXMAN / Special to The Jerusalem Post

A DISTURBING insensitivity to anti-Semitism and to anti-Semitic themes has shown up during the past year in editorial cartoons in the U.S. on the subject of Israel's action against the PLO in Lebanon. Some of these worrying cartoons have come from the pens of well-known cartoonists.

The offensive "political" thrust has taken three basic courses: the hurtful comparison of Israel's actions with the Nazi "Final Solution"; the use of biblical allusions that inject a people's religion into international affairs; and the suggestion that Israelis irrationally scream "anti-Semitism" to deflect valid criticisms of their country's policies — a suggestion possibly discouraging rational analysis of the cartoons themselves.

The offenders are a small minority of cartoonists — small even among those critical of Israel — but some of their newspapers are major ones, and the phenomenon suggests that insensitivity to Jewish feelings is acceptable to a great number of people when political fervor rises.

The grotesque transformation of Jews into Nazis — long an authorized staple in the propaganda of the Soviet Union and Israel's Middle East enemies — crept into the American press in the heat of the war in Lebanon. The swastika on the armband becomes a Star of David; but the helmet remains German in cartoons by Steven Benson in the Phoenix *Arizona Republic* and Jim Pack in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* (suburban Cincinnati). The obvious and odious comparison in the Pack cartoon involved a Nazi-like Israeli guarding cattle cars headed for "Palestinian Relocation Areas."

Benson, in one cartoon, showed goose-stepping guards with Star of David armbands patrolling a concentration camp with a heap of bleeding and dead civilians.

This is cartoonist Benson's forte. On another day he etched a parallel between Ariel Sharon and Klaus

Barbie's closed and Sharon's featuring "Today's Special: Rump of Refugee."

Benson also introduces the second offensive category, gross religious insensitivity. One of his cartoons showed Prime Minister Menachem Begin in an Israeli jet attacking Arab targets while waving a Tora above his head and (a play on the Japanese war cry at Pearl Harbor, "Torii Torii Torii"). Begin also flies an attack plane in a cartoon by Doug Marlette in the *Charlotte Observer*, in which the prime minister is reading from a scroll advising "innocent civilians" to "mark their doors with the blood of a lamb."

"An eye for an eye" has been irresistible to cartoonists tying a people's religion to their attempts at political humor. Sample captions: "An eye for an eye! Two teeth for a tooth! Four feet for a foot!" (Hugh Haynie in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*); "Many arms for an eye! Many legs for a tooth!" (Brian Bassett in the *Seattle Times*); "33,462 eyes for 41 eyes...63,420 teeth for a tooth!" (Steve Beck in the *Minneapolis Star and Tribune*).

THE THEME that any criticism of Israel results in a false charge of anti-Semitism gives circulation to a lie long promoted by American hate groups — that Jews "smear" as anti-Semitic all who disagree with them. ("Just watch," the cartoonist seems to say, "they'll smear me, too.") Syndicated cartoonist Don Wright in the *Escondido, California Times-Advocate* had one man noting to another the terrible destruction in Lebanon and asking what will happen to the Palestinians, and the reply was, "What are you — anti-Semitic?" In a cartoon by Molinelli in the *Cincinnati Enquirer*, Menachem Begin points a finger at members of the Knesset: "What? Question my tactics? — Anti-Semites!"

Even the term "Final Solution," a tragic concept with a unique and awful place in the Jewish psyche,

has been twisted against Jews with a monumental insensitivity. Dwane Powell in the *Raleigh News and Observer* showed Begin atop a tank facing a devastated Beirut; in the background President Reagan examined the "Palestinian Problem." Begin spoke: "Not to worry — I've found a Final Solution to that!" The same simple and hurtful idea has struck the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner's* Bill Schorr and Louisville's Hugh Haynie.

A cartoon published in the San Francisco *Chronicle* shows Mr. Begin and two men in military garb labeled "The Chosen People," and alongside them we see "The Chosen Attack Aircraft." "The Chosen Semi-Automatic," etc.

Don Wright in the *Miami News* draws a menorah with one of its branches a rifle barrel aimed at a U.S. Marine.

And so on. Clearly a number of American editorial cartoonists — a minority, to be sure, and yet some of those mentioned here are widely syndicated and highly regarded — seem not only insensitive to Jewish feelings but also blind to the objectionable logic of focusing "political" commentary on a people's sacred religious traditions or on past evils that have scarred their bodies and their memories.

Not all editors are without a conscience, however. In an article entitled "Bad Cartoons," Bob Fishburn, commentary page editor of the *Roanoke Times and World News*, one of many papers which carried the Benson "Torii Torii Torii" cartoon, wrote that the drawing had gone "beyond the legitimate bounds of political criticism" and was "vulnerable to charges of anti-Semitism."

Fishburn concluded: "I plead guilty, not to anti-Semitism, but to insensitivity. Then I have to ask myself: Isn't insensitivity one of the roots of prejudice? I think I know the answer."

The writer is the associate national director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

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Peres far behind with only three per cent support, a slight drop from the 3.9 per cent of the March poll.

Ex-Defence Minister Ariel Sharon is next with 1.5 per cent, a slight climb from the last poll's 1.2 per cent. Another former defence minister, Ezer Weizman, is named by 0.9 per cent. A large percentage of those polled — 23.5 — had no answer at all.

Moshe Aren was named as best defence minister by 21.4 per cent of those interviewed, a drop from the 26.6 per cent support he won in March. But the first choice for the job is former defence minister Ariel Sharon with 22.4 per cent, also a slight drop from the 24.8 per cent he got in the last poll. Shemer notes that Sharon's popularity remains high notwithstanding his departure from office.

Far behind, in third position, is Rabin, with 5.7 per cent. In fourth place is former Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan with 4.5 per cent. Weizman gets 3.8 per cent. Peres 2.7. Knesset Member Haim Bar-Lev 1.3. MK

Mordechai Gur one and others 1.3 per cent.

Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's popularity did not fall at a much greater rate than other government ministers. He is down from 28.4 per cent in March, to 23.4 per cent. Next in popularity, with 5.9 per cent, is former finance minister Yigael Hurvitz. Labour's Gad Ya'acobi is the choice of 2.6 per cent. Labour's candidate for finance minister, Professor Haim Ben-Shahar, is the choice of only 1.8 per cent, while Economy Minister Ya'acov Meridor gets 1.3 per cent. Ya'acov Levinson is named by 1.1 per cent, and 4.6 per cent have other choices. More than half of those polled did not answer this question.

Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir's popularity also slipped, from 34.3 per cent in the March poll to 29.8 per cent now. His closest rival, Abba Eban, slipped from 12.6 per cent to 9.8 per cent. Next comes Rabin with 5.5 per cent, Arens with 3.2, Peres with 1.5, Weizman with 1.1, and President Chaim Herzog with 0.9 per cent.

HABIB IN RIYADH

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last night and went straight to the palace in Dhahran to meet King Fahd.

A Saudi bid to get Syria to shift its stand failed earlier this month, before the agreement was signed, when Syrian President Hafez Assad and Foreign Minister Abdul-Halim Khaddam returned from Riyadh determined to oppose the accord with all the means at their disposal.

The Syrian position was spelled out quite unmistakably earlier this week, when Damascus categorically refused to receive Habib, whom it described as "one of the most hostile American officials to the Arabs and their cause."

The Lebanese have not, however, written off Habib's mission. The state radio reported yesterday that he will visit Egypt, Jordan and Israel, as well as Saudi Arabia "pending a rearrangement of a visit to Syria."

U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz yesterday sent a message to Lebanese President Amin Jemayel through the U.S. embassy in Beirut

reiterating Washington's determination "not to rest before Lebanon is liberated from all foreign forces and returned to the authority of the Lebanese government."

Meanwhile, Israeli Air Force planes yesterday reportedly crashed the sound barrier over Beirut just before Habib left for Cairo en route to Saudi Arabia. According to reports from Beirut, the planes staged similar flights over several towns in southern and Syrian-controlled eastern Lebanon.

Lebanon continued yesterday with its diplomatic campaign to win support for the accord.

State-run Beirut radio said Jemayel had sent a special envoy to Cairo with a message for President Hosni Mubarak. No details of the message were revealed but it was widely assumed to cover the foreign troops issue.

Lebanese Foreign Minister Elie Salem left yesterday on a European tour and Lebanese sources said he will discuss not only the troop-withdrawal efforts but also a possible increase in the size of the Multi-National Peacekeeping Force.

UNRWA head leaves Beirut after refugee talks

BEIRUT (AP). — The head of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) yesterday ended a three-day visit to Lebanon where he talked with Lebanese officials about the harassment of Palestinians here.

UNRWA Commissioner-General Olof Rydbeck said he had discussed with Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik Wazzan and Foreign Minister Elie Salem "the very important question of Palestinian refugees and the measures taken for the protection of the refugees."

UNRWA officials say about 30 Palestinians have been killed in the southern port cities of Tyre and Sidon since the end of January, and "hundreds" of others have been forced out of their homes into the crowded refugee camps in South Lebanon.

Rydbeck would not say what the

Lebanese officials promised to do about the situation. He also declined to say who UNRWA thought is responsible for the attacks and harassment of the refugees.

Rydbeck said the UN General Assembly has asked for a report on the issue to be given to the next general session.

"The agency (UNRWA) feels a very strong moral obligation to give whatever contribution it can to the increase of security for the Palestine refugees who are registered," he said.

Rydbeck also said he had discussed with the Lebanese plans for reconstruction of the many UNRWA facilities destroyed during last summer's war. He said he was given approval for the reconstruction, but that new land for the camps is unobtainable.

Yad Vashem honours 'Righteous Gentiles'

Three Austrians and a German were yesterday honoured by the Yad Vashem Martyrs and Heroes Remembrance Authority when trees were planted in their names in the Avenue of Righteous Gentiles.

Maria Grausenberger, who died in 1979, was honoured for hiding Aryeh Weiss, who planted the tree; his brother Shalom; his sister Yaffa; and his mother Hanna at her home in Grafenwirth, Austria.

At one stage she continued to hide them despite the fact that SS men were billeted in her home and she had received threats from neighbours that they would inform on her.

Also honoured were Otto and Mina Kuttelwascher, who hid Erna Katzenell in their home for three years, until the liberation of Vienna.

The Kuttelwaschers took her in in spite of their poor economic situation and the fact that they had their three young children with them in their three-room flat.

The couple, here as guests of Erna Katzenell, planted their own trees.

The third tree was planted in the name of Karl Laabs, a German district engineer who hid many Jews from the Nazis and took care of their needs.

Laabs died several years ago, and the tree in his honour was planted by his daughter, Eycke Strickland.

Lebanon clashes keep children from studies

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The fighting between Druse and Christians in Lebanon's Shouf Mountain area and along the Beirut-Damascus highway has kept thousands of children out of schools for more than six months. And attempts to open Druse and Christian schools in the area this week were unsuccessful.

The Lebanese Education and Culture Ministry intends extending the school year throughout the country by two weeks to enable the pupils to complete the year's syllabus.

Israel recently erected three prefabricated buildings in Ein Hilwe refugee camp, near Sidon, for use as schools. The buildings replaced the tents in use since the war.

Israel's Educational and Culture Ministry is also extending aid — such as the building of playgrounds — to schools in eight other Lebanese towns and villages.

DOCTORS VOTE

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not always accept the means." She stressed that the agreement was designed to offer medical care only to chronically ill patients and emergency cases, and only for five hours a day, twice a week.

"This would not have endangered our strike, but it would have provided a breathing space and an answer to the truly desperate needs of the chronically ill," she said. "It was a good agreement all around: good for improving the professional status of the clinic doctors, good for the patients and good for those of us whose conscience keeps us awake at night."

The Chait doctors' vote also signalled the end of Doron's short-lived return to the wage talks, which stalled again on Tuesday and have not been resumed. Doron has said repeatedly that he will not negotiate while the clinics remain without doctors.

Arab clans clash near Nazareth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — More than 20 Arab residents in the Nazareth area were wounded in the last 48 hours in two separate incidents. Some 15 persons were wounded in a second round of fighting between two clans in Mash'had village over the ownership and use of a road.

Among the wounded were two policemen who tried to separate the rivals and the chairman of the local council, Mohammed Yussef Hassan, who was rushed to a hospital for treatment. Police arrested over 20 suspects, but many more left their homes in fear of arrest.

In other fighting, between Beduin pupils from Froush Romana and the pupils from two nearby Arab villages, six pupils were wounded. Police are investigating.

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Tom Conti (left) and David Bowie star in 'Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence.'

CLASHING CULTURES

By DAN FAINARU/Cannes

ANY ATTEMPT to make an interim assessment of the still-in-progress Cannes Festival is doomed to failure. Bombarded by films of every kind and colour, at every hour of the day and night, one can offer little more than instinctive reactions. It will take some time to let the experience sink in before real conclusions can be reached.

And there is certainly room for conclusions about the world's film industry, as shown to us by Cannes. Let's face facts. If the festival has any problem, if the selections are not up to expectations, it is not the fault of the management. They didn't make the movies, and they probably could not have done much better in selecting them. The trouble, whatever it is, is part and parcel of the state of today's cinema. Cannes only reflects that situation.

The main trouble might be defined, at this point, as too much uniformity. Films, whatever their origins, all tend to look alike. They almost never stray from well-trodden paths, and they all seem to have been conceived by an industry offering its products for mass consumption.

In previous years — at least in the sidebar selections if not in official competition — Cannes films showed a taste for adventure, rejecting simple-minded traditional solutions for newer and more original ideas. No such efforts are evident this year. But there are still fashionable subjects, the kind which somehow inspire filmmakers everywhere. There is no apparent reason for this, unless it is the fact that in our shrinking world problems are communicated from one corner to another more quickly than ever.

The fashionable topic this year, without a shadow of a doubt, is the clash of cultures. From America to Japan, from Russia to India, from New Zealand to Switzerland, 1982's most electrifying theme is a world divided by its separate civilizations and traditions.

Some of the treatments are brutally straightforward and clear-cut. Like *Uri*, a film from New Zealand (yes, they are making films there, with considerable professional skill), which describes a Maori uprising against the white invaders.

In full color, it is horrifyingly bloody in its detail, and spectacular-

ly well shot. It is also a typical attempt by whites to atone for their forefathers' sins by permitting their enemies to exterminate them on the screen.

At the other end of the spectrum are muted treatments, subdued and intellectualized to the point where they may lose contact with their audience. One example is *The Death of Mario Ricci*, made by Claude Goretta, the best-known Swiss director nowadays. In it, an international authority on world food supplies hides away in a small Swiss village, despairing of ever making the governments of the world face the realities of the future, which include a terrible shortage of food. A famous TV reporter discovers the professor's hideaway and tries to interview him, and ends up witnessing a conflict triggered by the killing of an Italian worker in a road accident. The film leaves no doubt that, even in civilized Switzerland, there is no common ground between representatives of different traditions.

AUSTRALIAN Peter (Gallipoli) Weir's *The Year of Living Dangerously* may have a better chance to win acceptance by a large audience, if only because it has planted the same ideas in a sound commercial production. Financed by MGM, the film looks at cultural upheaval in Sukarno's Indonesia.

To his credit, Weir does not pretend to understand the goings-on in Indonesia. He merely demonstrates that the West does not have the answer to the troubles of the Third World, and has lost all power to communicate with developing countries. What's more, it is unwilling to face the terrible human suffering going on there.

Heat and Dust is quite different from the drisp, efficient narrative of Weir's film. It takes another path to arrive at the same conclusions.

Directed by James Ivory, an old India hand and aficionado, *Heat and Dust* attempts to draw a parallel between Anglo-India relations more than half a century ago and today. Ivory employs flashbacks to mix the Indian experiences of a BBC reporter in the Eighties and a young Englishwoman in the Twenties.

While he points to how much things have changed in 60 years, he also suggests that the understanding between the two cultures today is no greater than it was then.

PROBABLY the most dramatic encounter between two contrasting cultures comes in a film entitled *Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence*, jokingly referred to as a "Thinking Man's Bridge on the River Kwai." A combination of conflicting elements at every stage of creation, the result is absolutely fascinating — at least for the first half of the film.

It is based on a book written by a Western author, South African Laurens van der Post, but directed by a renowned Japanese director, Nagisa Oshima, from a script he wrote together with Paul Mayberg. The production is occidental, but the technical crew is mostly Japanese, and the cast is nicely divided between east and west. As for the subject, it is the story of Western prisoners held captive by the Japanese in the island of Java during World War Two.

The film manages to achieve an almost perfect equation between the two sides. The Japanese jailers, kept away from the front to do an unpleasant and unrewarding job, feel as confined as their prisoners. And there is the parallel between a Japanese captain who feels guilt because he is not fighting, gun in hand, for his country and a British major with similar problems. In the middle, between these two extremes, there stands Mr. Lawrence, the enlightened intellectual of the west, who speaks Japanese, thinks he understands them, has a degree of affection and even fascination for their culture. And yet, at the end, Mr. Lawrence is as baffled by their behaviour as the rest of his countrymen.

Oshima, a magnificent director, controls his material down to the last detail. He moves from extreme violence to humour, from tension to force with total ease, helped by a cast of brilliant actors: Tom Conti, Ivory employs flashbacks to mix the Indian experiences of a BBC reporter in the Eighties and a young Englishwoman in the Twenties.

variety of fields, as the blueblood Britisher.

For a singer, Bowie shows remarkable restraint at the one point in the film where he is required to sing. He stays in tune with the part and sings off key. OSHIMA's stark realism is contrasted by the ethereal work of Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky, making his first film outside his homeland. Filmed in Italy, the result is neither Russian nor Italian, but Tarkovsky Country. Tarkovsky uses dark, moody scenery and black-and-white for the many imaginary scenes to tell an intricate tale.

Nostalgia is the tale of a Russian poet who comes to Italy to write the biography of an 18th-century composer, and his encounter with a local mystic, who dreams of saving the world but won't be allowed to.

The film is open to as many interpretations as there were spectators in the huge Salle Lumiere, in which it was screened. But what permeates all is Tarkovsky's deep concern with faith, and a desperate call for common understanding between the occidental and the east. The two have much more in common than they would like to admit, but can't find anybody except madmen and poets to really care about it. And who listens to them?

Tarkovsky's pessimism may be indicated by the fact that the movie starts and concludes with the opening of Verdi's *Requiem*.

It is a sort of tribute to his two separate protagonists — one who pours oil on himself and, in desperation, lights the flame; the other who retires away from the world, which he obviously has not succeeded to move. They are two different solutions, brought about by different temperaments and traditions, yet equally unsatisfactory and sad. WITH A FEW more days to go on as this is being written, the festival may have some more depressing messages in store for us.

After all, who would dare to be an optimist nowadays? Everybody makes whoopee, just as they did before the volcano erupted on Pompeii. Meanwhile, the world and cinema seem strangely convinced that volcanoes are about to spout fire from hell again.

Just imagine, there are still people who believe it is fun to go to a film festival.

Atayed, a Brazilian living in New York. Yonatan Gefen's Israeli adaptation is very skilled, but has much less sexuality than the original, and more violence. In fact, there is too much violence, but this is a minor blemish in an interesting, amusing, thought-provoking *sour-de-force*. The teacher talks all the time, and she addresses the audience exclusively. Her subject-matter is inane (supposedly a biology class), her relation to the pupils is domineering and disdainful, and she is self-righteous yet insecure. Through the medium of periscope and travesty, much that is wrong in the educational system, or for that matter in a political system when our leaders always know what is best for us, is brought to consciousness. Hillel Neeman directs the play.

Several critics have remarked that they would love to be Yona Eliane's pupils, perhaps because she is so beautiful. However, I'd find it frightening to be taught like this.

YONA ELIANE is so good and convincing just because she is beautiful, but doesn't hesitate to appear ugly and unattractive when necessary. Her rapport with the audience is electrifying. With the aid of a highly charged theatrical text, she dominates stage and audience, and seems completely natural in an almost-surrealistic role. She has complete mastery of the text.

I have heard that, in other parts of the country, the audience participates and answers the actress-teacher back. I can't conceive a bunch of Israeli six-graders would be as docile as the Beit Leissin audience. But I can conceive that the general Israeli public, in relation to its political leaders, would be as passive in the face of all the absurdities imposed on them as the audience at this performance. This is an excellent production.

Cain and Abel in the West

THEATRE/Uri Rapp

emanates manliness, or rather, un-couthness. He specializes in stealing electronic appliances; so much for the true West.

OTHER FEATURES of the play demonstrate Shepard's facility in devising a lively plot, and writing clever dialogue. The gradual breakdown of the two brothers, the unmasking of their respective poses, are at any rate not boring. In following the lively action, one forgets the fake profundity.

There are two supporting roles. The first is the slick, money-grabbing Hollywood producer who lacks originality and good taste. There have been many such slaps at the Hollywood film industry. Predictably, the other supporting role is that of the mother. She is different, unloving, self-centred, foolish but well-groomed. Who wouldn't be neurotic with a mother like that? (The father, of course, is a lush ad sponger, and far away.) Producer and mother are stocktypes, and they are well served by Ori Levy and Esther Greenberg. The surprise of the performance is Shlomo Vishinsky in the role of Lee, the wild brother. He is completely convincing, and even demonstrates some psychological complexity, and character development. It is a fine piece of acting. Michael Warshawski as the refined brother is pale in comparison, but his part may demand it.

The funny climax of the evening is ten toasters popping slices of toast. The smell of burnt toast lingers in the hall, and adds an olfactory element to the visual. Here one can for a moment disregard America's problems and laugh.

Eli Sinai's stage set for a Southern California home is accurate and in good taste, and suits the text. Robin Lefevre's direction carves a good production out of an unimportant play.

THERE IS a completely different kind of play at the Beit Leissin Theatre. It's about a sixth-grade class, and the audience is made to feel like the class. In this realistic framework, we observe the hilarious, frightening, and verbally violent performance of a woman school-teacher. At the play's start, she is prim, didactic and authoritarian: at its conclusion, she is broken and hysterical. Is this a satire on woman teachers? On the educational system? On authority? On governments? On dictatorships? On the human condition? Or perhaps on all of these? Have it your own way.

The play is called *Mora Shigaon*; its original title was *Miss Margaritha's Way*. The author is a Roberto de

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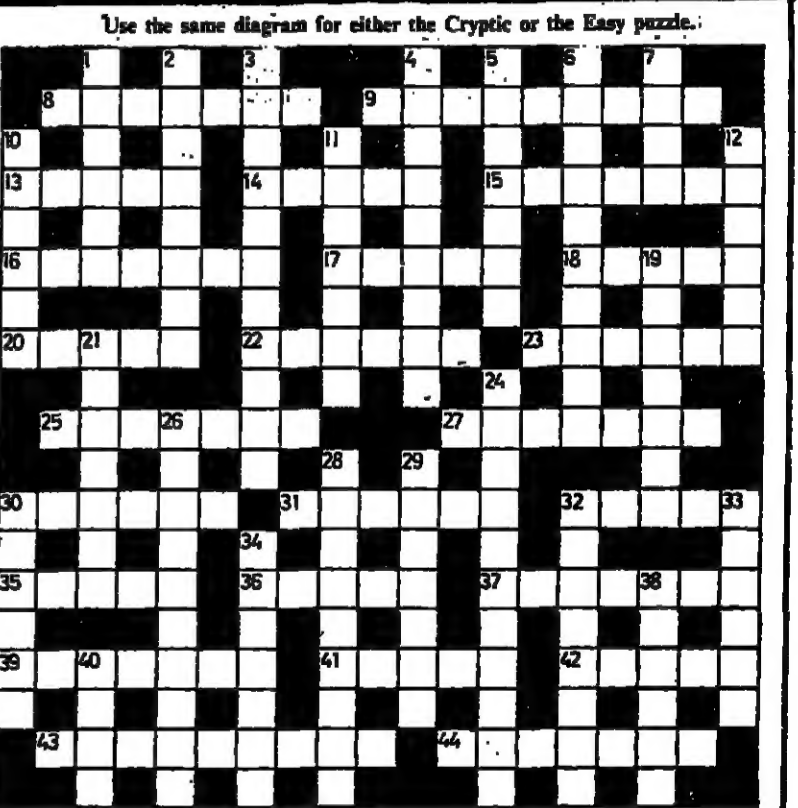
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- ACROSS
8 Taking away about a thousand to the cricket ground (7)
9 Having lain right inside, shivering from the drizzle (5, 4)
13 This object is the spare key (5)
14 Realises denials will be voiced (5)
15 Revel in rounding up the rioters (7)
16 Get mother a strong dog (7)
17 Sticks up the letters (5)
18 A great deal of sense (5)
20 Is it child's play to a golfer? (5)
22 How the meals on wheels arrive? (4, 2)
23 Is sullen and lets one down (6)
25 Fidgety as always when its held back (7)
27 After a while I nip off the end, or ends (7)
30 A second drink for the huntsman (6)
31 Father and I stop with a chum (6)
32 Right after preparing the iced drink (5)
35 For instance, will be returned to the old, renovated building (5)
36 Deduce that one has had the fern transplanted (5)
37 In the same position as before and cold? (7)
39 Stopped me going in to get changed (7)
41 Leading in the match, according to the arrangement (3-2)
42 Even so, is quiet (5)
43 On certain occasions I seem most upset (9)
44 Complained when George initially awakened one (7)
- DOWN
1 Don't hit again for being careless (6)



- 2 Doing without because working (8)
3 Listlessness is a great fault in a golfer (4, 2, 5)
4 Doesn't include the girls on strike (6, 3)
5 Amassing riches by the hour, or treasure (7)
6 Disturbance the psychiatrist had forecast? (5-5)
7 The thousand and first fog of the season? (4)
10 Dismisses as "remnants" (6)
11 About a thousand police mass, or gather (7)
12 Dashes off and redresses it, as you say (6)
19 Understood the big end wasn't upright (7)
21 I come ashore again in the country (7)

EASY PUZZLE

- ACROSS
8 Flourish (7)
9 Sweats (9)
13 Speechily (5)
14 The ones there (5)
15 Clear (7)
16 Four-piece band (7)
17 Fashion (5)
18 Rely (5)
20 Buxed (5)
22 Hypnotic state (6)
23 Garden bird (6)
25 Sect (7)
27 English hill-range (7)
30 Officer's servant (6)

- DOWN
1 Invasion fleet (6)
2 Averred (8)
3 Extreme poverty (11)
4 Veneration (9)
5 Rises (7)
6 Abated (10)
7 In this place (4)
10 Islamic temple (6)
11 Mail deliverer (7)
12 Fabric stiffener (6)
19 Struck heavily (7)
21 Asperse (7)
24 Cruelly (11)
26 Gymnastic apparatus (10)
28 Stir (9)
29 Comfort (7)
30 Small restaurant (6)
32 Locks of hair (8)
33 Coarse (6)
34 Thoroughfares (7)
38 Displace (6)
40 Worship (4)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS — 4, Polley, 7, Hara kiti, 8, Pirney, 10, Fried, 13, Win-E, 14, Find(fine), 15, Hits, 16, Got, 17, Ga-U-I, 19, Esau, 21, Face facts, 23, Pore, 24, R-te, 26, Fag, 27, Tied, 29, Abe-D, 32, Bi-N-D, 33, Flier, 34, M-Alice, 35, Road s-bow, 36, B-all-ot.

DOWN — 1, Chuff(inch), 2, G-rain, 3, Skid(Row), 4, Pip-It, 5,

Lore, 6, Cacho-U, 9, Insect, 11, Rib, 12, Edgar, 13, Wilfred, 15, Hue, 16, Gas, 18, Accite, 20, Steel, 21, Fog, 22, Aid, 23, Panama, 25, Bee, 28, Inert, 30, Rig-h, 31, Drawn, 32, Bill, 33, Fade.

Yesterday's Easy Solution
ACROSS — 4, Before, 7, Literate, 8, Amoeba, 10, Takes, 13, Snow, 14, Sped, 15, Atom, 16, Urr, 17, Gale, 19, East, 21,

Reference, 23, Most, 24, Into, 26, How, 27, Ella, 29, Ribs, 32, True, 33, Anvil, 34, Digest, 35, Oratorio, 36, Berlin.

DOWN — 4, Plots, 2, Stake, 3, Eros, 4, Beano, 5, Flow, 6, Robert, 9, Moment, 11, Apt, 12, Edges, 13, Sterile, 15, Ale, 16, Use, 18, After, 20, Acorn, 21, Row, 22, Fna, 23, Motive, 25, FBI, 28, Luton, 30, Ivory, 31, Stoop, 32, Tell, 33, Ante.

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A farewell to friends

By HYAM CORNEY / Post London Correspondent



Harold Wilson...a seat in the Lords?

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WITH LESS THAN a month to go to the British general election, it is already clear that Israel will lose a number of its good friends in the House of Commons. These include MPs who either through their own choice or because they have failed to be selected by their local parties will not be standing on June 9.

Foremost among them is Sir Harold Wilson. Now aged 67, the former Labour prime minister announced some months ago that he would not contest another election. There are many who regard Sir Harold as the best post-war British prime minister from Israel's point of view.

But he may not be entirely lost to the British parliament: The notion that he will be elevated to the peerage is not that far-fetched. Indeed, it would be a fitting reward for his many years of service to his country.

Another good friend of Israel on the Labour side who is retiring from politics is Arthur Bottomley, who is 76. A minister of overseas development in Wilson's government, he is currently chairman of the parliamentary branch of the Labour Friends of Israel. He, too, could find himself in the House of Lords.

A former chairman of the Labour Friends of Israel, Leslie Huxford, will be missing from the next parliament — but not from choice. He has been a victim of local party re-selection boards which failed to choose him. Another former Labour Friends chairman, Ray Fletcher, a long-standing and sincere ally of Israel, met the same fate.

Stanley Clinton Davis, a Jew, who is a foreign affairs spokesman for Labour, also failed to find a seat. He represents one of the constituencies in Hackney North, London, where three seats are being merged into two in a redistribution of con-

stituency boundaries. He was the unlucky one who lost out, being considered too moderate by local left-wingers.

Meanwhile, the main issues in the campaign have already emerged:

The first is unemployment (running at well over three million) and the economy. On the economy, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will be in a strong position mainly because the inflation rate has dropped from a peak of around 20 per cent to 5 per cent. But the economic recovery which has been heralded by government spokesmen for many months has still not materialized, and all around are signs that the recession is over.

Foreign affairs, such as the Middle East, will not feature in the cam-

paign. Britain is not America and the record of the government on foreign affairs will not come under close public scrutiny in the weeks leading up to the election.

But that does not mean individual candidates will not be approached by constituents with special in-

terests. The candidates will indeed be expecting Jewish voters to come to them in small delegations to talk about matters of Jewish concern — such as Israel, anti-Semitism and Soviet Jewry — and to ascertain their views.

The current position of the main parties on the Arab-Israeli conflict is, in fact, fairly similar. All favour bringing the PLO into peace negotiations and all support the call for a Palestinian homeland.

Until a few weeks ago, Mrs. Thatcher had the admiration of the Jewish community for her tough stand on the PLO, refusing to meet them herself and forbidding her ministers to do so. But she lost much of that admiration by sanctioning the meeting in Tunis recently between Foreign Office Minister of State Douglas Hurd and PLO "foreign minister" Farouk Kaddoumi. Nevertheless, the "Iron Lady" still takes a strong personal anti-PLO position.

As for who will win on June 9, the bookmakers give the Conservatives a clear advantage. The unknown factor is the new Liberal-Social Democratic alliance.

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Mood improves as prices rise

TEL AVIV. — Media reports that the government was allocating \$100 million to support the flagging market were enough to improve the general atmosphere yesterday and see shares up on their best performance in ten days. As reports from option trading came over the tickers in the morning, it became clear that the prevailing gloom was lifting. Option prices were ahead and this augured well for the afternoon share trading.

Statistics show that all sectors wound up higher. The General Share Index, banks excluded, posted a satisfactory advance of 1.78%. Industrials and oils paced the market with gains of 2.77% and 3.36%. Nevertheless, "sellers only" signs were ahead of "buyers only" by 14 to 12. Sharply gaining issues, however, were ahead by two and a half to one, as 85 securities posted gains of more than 5%.

Despite the positive performance a number of securities were felled for sharp losses. The Contractors Centre was down by nearly 15%. Fertilizers 0.5 fell by 14.6% and Ampa ordinary shares by 26.7%.

Several options scored above-average gains. Azram, for one example, raced ahead by 23.7%. The Tagal option also enjoyed a good session with a rise of 22.1%.

There is no doubt that the majority of the public is still cautious about the exchange. This was evident from the small turnovers, which totalled just over IS790m.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Trading was quiet in the index-linked bond sector, where prices continued to advance by small margins.

Banks continued to report above-average demand for dollars, whether Patam or cash. But this was not felt in the moderate devaluation of the shekel, which was devalued by 14 agorot against the dollar.

In the commercial bank group attention continued to centre on the Danot, FIBI and First International shares. These shares were all on the upside and their supporters heaved a sigh of relief. FIBI shares could not be bought at all, as no orderly market could be established and the shares wound up as "buyers only." Danot 5.0 was up by 9.9%, while the shares of First International came through with a solid 8.1% rise. Others in the group continued to behave in accordance with their accustomed scenario.

Binyan 1 led a rising mortgage bank group with a sparkling 10% gain.

There was plenty of swinging action in the insurance group. Ten per cent gains were scored by both Ararat shares, while similar losses were registered by the Aryeh op-

tions and Hassneh (B). The Hassneh option 4 was routed for a 15.6% fall. Land development and real estate shares came through with gains. Property and Building was ahead by 1%, reversing its recent downward trend. Cohen Development, however, was "sellers only" for the second session, as its option was down by 15.3%.

Industrials were clearly higher. The shares of the Dead Sea Works were up by more than 6%. The Tagal 1.0 shares were up by 1.5%, while the option soared, as mentioned above.

In the investment group Ampa continued to come under severe selling pressure. Its options will trade on Sunday without any price restrictions as it was yesterday "sellers only" for the third consecutive session. Pressure on the Clal group of shares seemed to be easing. Clal Industries, for one, was up by more than 5%.

On Investments 0.1 and Jordan option two will trade without price restrictions on Sunday after being "sellers only" for two sessions. Dube announced a ISO.59 loss per share. After taking into account inflationary accounting, the loss came to IS4.49 in terms of December 1982 values.

Most active stocks

Mirahil R	1249	3,024.0	+6
Leumi	2622	3,384.8	+6
First Int'l	374	2,500.3	+43
Leumi traded	1579.1m		
Convertible	151.3m		
Banks	15305.4m		

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Engine plant orders computer system

TEL AVIV. — The Beit Shemesh Engines Company has signed a \$500,000 contract to computerize most of the plant's operations.

According to the agreement signed with Yaana, a data-processing and software firm, and Elita, the electronics subsidiary of Israel Aircraft Industries, a data-collection system will be installed that will be connected to the

production section and manpower of the plant.

The new system will enable the workers to perform a large variety of activities with one personal magnetic card, including clocking in and ordering material.

The first generation of the Elita data-collection terminals were installed at Israel Aircraft Industries. About 600 of them are in operation today.

Student travel agency's ads banned as irregular

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv District Court yesterday issued a temporary restraining order against the Israel Student Travel Association (ISSTA) and ISSTA Lines, at the request of the Civil Aviation Authority, barring the two organizations from publishing advertisements counter to Transport Ministry regulations.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that ISSTA's ads are inconsistent with charter flight regulations and quoted prices that had not been approved by the ministry or the CAA.

Labour dispute in defence institutes

The Engineering Technicians Association decided on Tuesday to declare a labour dispute in defence systems research institutes. The engineering technicians are demanding equal pay for all performing the same tasks. The association contends that the employer has violated the equal-pay principle by giving research workers grades to engineers even if they do not perform, or are not qualified to perform, research functions.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

May 19, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	43.6501
British sterling	67.8235
German mark	17.6578
French franc	5.8711
Dutch guilder	15.7071
Swiss franc	21.1586
Swedish krona	5.8161
Norwegian krone	6.1229
Danish krone	4.9511
Finnish mark	8.0092
Canadian dollar	35.4288
Australian dollar	38.5321
South African rand	40.2607
Belgian franc (10)	8.8432
Austrian schilling (10)	25.0870
Italian lire (1,000)	2.9681
Japanese yen (100)	18.6539
Jordanian dinar	121.78
Lebanese pound	10.46
Egyptian pound	41.0311

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COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES
		PURCHASE SALE	PURCHASE SALE
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	43.4317 43.6883	43.2100 43.5200
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	67.5276 68.2064	67.1800 67.2200
GERMANY	MARK	17.5730 17.7497	17.4800 18.0100
FRANCE	FRANC	5.8377 5.8964	5.8000 5.9800
HOLLAND	GULDEN	15.6369 15.7942	15.5300 16.0300
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	21.0608 21.2726	20.9500 21.3900
SWEDEN	KRONA	5.7858 5.8440	5.6800 5.9300
NORWAY	KRONE	6.0914 6.1526	5.9800 6.2400
DENMARK	KRONE	4.9242 4.9737	4.8300 5.0500
FINLAND	MARK	7.9669 8.0470	7.8200 8.1700
CANADA	DOLLAR	35.2387 35.4929	34.7700 36.1200
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	38.3570 38.7426	36.7800 39.6700
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	40.0634 40.4632	31.6000 42.7900
BELGIUM	FRANC	8.8016 8.8901	
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING 10	25.1050 25.3574	24.9700 25.7300
ITALY	LIRE 1000	29.5453 29.8424	28.0700 30.2900
JAPAN	YEN 1000	185.9233 187.7934	184.9700 190.5800

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Selling	Buying
U.S.	43.6888 43.6317
DM	17.7463 17.5680
Swiss FR	21.2481 21.0373
Starling	68.1940 67.5058
French FR	5.8979 5.8381
Dutch G	15.7858 15.6285
Austrian SB (10)	25.2337 24.9822
Swedish KR	5.8429 5.7847
Norwegian KR	4.9765 4.8288
Denmark KR	6.1056 5.9562
Finland MK	8.0492 7.8801
Canadian \$	35.0005 35.2458
Rand	40.4588 40.0827
Australian \$	38.7076 38.3219
Belgian Cn (10)	8.8893 8.8007
Belgian Fln (10)	8.8767 8.7862
Yen (100)	18.7433 18.5826
Italian Lire (1000)	29.8427 29.5453

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Selling	Buying
U.S.	1.5532/42 per \$
DM	2.4715/25 per \$
Swiss FR	2.0612/22 per \$
French FR	7.4350/80 per \$
Dutch G	14.7054/64 per \$
Dutch G	2.7750/50 per \$
Yen	233.70/80 per \$
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Swedish KR	7.5050/80 per \$
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Breathing hot and cold

THE RECENT personnel changes at the top of the defence establishment seemed to augur the opening of a new page in the relations between the Israeli military authorities and the Palestinians in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

True, there was no prospect for any revision in the basic political orientations of the contending forces. Israel's official policy remained geared to the gradual absorption of the territories into the Jewish State, largely by means of accelerated Jewish settlement. Continued Arab resistance to this policy and to occupation as such could be taken for granted, despite the body blow suffered by the PLO in Lebanon.

Nevertheless, there was some hope that, on Israel's part at least, an effort would be made to conduct the dialogue with the local population in a rather more civilized manner than had become the practice before.

After all, the new defence minister, Moshe Arens, is not the kind of person who would advise army officers, even privately, to hit back at rioters where it really hurts. And the new chief of staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, is not the kind of soldier who would propose that the Palestinian Arabs of Judea and Samaria be reduced to the condition of "drugged cockroaches scurrying around in a bottle," as his predecessor suggested. Last week, indeed, it was reported that at least part of the legacy of Ariel Sharon and Rafael Eitan in the territories was about to be rescinded.

Now, however, it is learned that there is a move afoot to tighten the screws, rather than loosen them. A report prepared for defence minister Arens, Rav-Aluf Levy and for the OC central command Aluf Uri Orr, is said to have made the point that fines have no deterrent effect on rioters, because those who are so punished are promptly reimbursed by the terrorists. But the senior officers who prepared the report would not be satisfied merely with tough prison sentences. They would like the government to make it possible to deport rioters to Jordan *en masse*.

Deportation from occupied territories is barred by the Geneva Convention. It is, however, permitted under the Jordanian law during the period of Jordan's rule in the West Bank, and are still recognized by Israel. The High Court of Justice has therefore allowed deportation to Jordan — but only in extreme cases of demonstrable security need, and after approval by a special advisory committee.

Should Rav-Aluf Levy and Aluf Orr take up an idea that has become very popular with radical Jewish settlers, it would make deportation a standard form of punishment for peace-breakers in Judea and Samaria — but not, presumably, in Gaza, whose inhabitants are not Jordanian citizens.

How will that get around the obstacle posed by the High Court? The government might, of course, be able to induce the Knesset to pass a law to that effect, which would be binding. But this would savour too much of outright annexation of the territories, and it would arouse universal disapprobation. Perhaps, however, some other way might be devised, still utilizing the fiction that, by being deported to Jordan, rioters in Judea and Samaria are merely being returned "home." As a measure of pacification in the territories, this is, at best, not likely to be a greater success than Israel's war in Lebanon. Mr. Arens should lose no time in turning the idea down.

Proper economics

THE COUNTRY is sliding fast into disaster and anarchy, and all the government finds fit to do is sit on its haunches.

The "summit meeting" on the state of the economy held between the prime minister and representatives of the country's industrialists and exporters yesterday ended with Mr. Begin essentially reaffirming his confidence in his finance minister, Mr. Aridor, for his part, is wholly unfazed by the alarming reports pouring out of the Central Bureau of Statistics which show imports and consumption rising and exports and the Gross National Product falling. The record price rise for April unveiled on Sunday, too, has moved Mr. Aridor not a bit. He will stay the course of his "proper economics," even to perdition.

In the meantime the central committee of the Israel Medical Association yesterday unanimously decided to make the doctors' strike nearly total within the next two weeks, unless the government meets the doctors' demands in full. Plainly, the government cannot meet these demands in full. The only possible settlement of the conflict lies in some kind of judicious compromise.

But the nonchalance with which the government, notably the Treasury, has been dragging the now almost three months old negotiations with the IMA is little short of criminal. Mr. Aridor has now driven the doctors to desperation.

How much more havoc — and death — must the country suffer before the government is finally roused from its torpor?

DAMASCUS DILEMMA

By WOLF BLITZER

WHAT CAN the U.S. now do to bring Syria into line with the recently signed Israeli-Lebanese peace agreement?

U.S. officials are deeply concerned about the hostile Syrian reception to the accord, although they are by no means prepared to give up hope.

For one thing, the Americans are counting on Saudi Arabia and other moderate Arab regimes to become more forceful behind the scenes in pressuring the Syrians to leave Lebanon together with their PLO allies.

Secondly, they are also assuming that the Syrians will see the benefits to their own national security interests by a simultaneous Israeli pull-out from Lebanon.

"What we are talking about," Assistant Secretary of State Nicholas Veliotis told reporters, "is the withdrawal of all Israeli forces. There were up to 30,000 to 35,000, including within 25 miles of Damascus."

"We would assume that the withdrawal of those troops would have some form of re-assuring impact on Syrian security concerns. We don't see where the arrangement for the security zone — joint verification teams which aren't very many people anyhow, and the other provision of the agreement — how this can be seen by anyone as a threat, not a military threat from a security point of view. We hope that with time, the Syrians will also agree that this is the case."

President Ronald Reagan, at his news conference the other night, clearly eased Israeli concerns that he might be tempted to bring the Soviet Union back into the peace negotiations. That option has been recommended by some U.S. Middle East specialists.

"I don't see what reason they (the Soviets) have to be there," said Reagan.

FOR THE TIME being, Washington might simply lower its overall profile in the region. That, according to some observers, might not be a bad idea.

Writing in May's *Commentary* magazine, Johns Hopkins University Professor Robert Tucker has sought to debunk the conventional wisdom of traditional U.S. policy

towards the Middle East.

Simply put, he suggested that the U.S. stop paying so much attention to the Palestinian question. He argued that continued obsession with it was bound to weaken — rather than strengthen — American interests in the region.

To back up this point, Tucker noted that the State Department for years has warned that American prestige and influence were being undermined by an overly close relationship with a hard-line Israeli government led by Prime Minister Menachem Begin. But, said Tucker, just the opposite has proved to be the case.

"Rather than having had the effects that prevailing wisdom must lead us to expect, the actions of the Begin government to date appear to have had quite the opposite effects," he said.

"The period of the Begin government has not resulted in the resurgence of Arab radicalism but in the modest strengthening of Arab moderates. A headline Israeli policy — if such it is to be considered — has not led to Arab rejection of the U.S. but to Arab acceptance, and indeed encouragement, of an American role in the Middle East that would not have appeared possible only a few years ago."

He went on to insist that the war in Lebanon actually demonstrated that Israel was a strategic asset for the U.S. — rather than a liability, as is so often charged by U.S. Middle East specialists.

"To a degree that has seldom been appreciated, let alone openly acknowledged, the strength of the American position in the Middle East has been a function of Israel's power, just as it has been a function of the intimacy of the Israeli-American relationship."

OTHER EXPERTS in Washington disagree. The former U.S. ambassador to Egypt, Herman Eilts, for example, is by no means opposed to a greater Soviet involvement in peace-making diplomacy. He noted that Washington and Moscow were in close contact on arms control and other important issues — why not the Middle East?

Eilts, speaking at a dinner celebrating the 40th anniversary of

The Friday Dry Bones



the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, also said he disagreed with U.S. ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis regarding the value of the Camp David framework for Palestinian autonomy on the West Bank and Gaza. Both Lewis and Eilts today are a professor of international relations at Boston University.

After praising the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, Eilts insisted that the autonomy scheme had lost its credibility and relevance in the past few years.

He proposed that Washington move away from that "straight-jacket" and become prepared to accept some fresh thinking on the subject, whether it lead to an independent Palestinian state or a permanent federation with Israel, for that matter.

Unlike Tucker, he insisted that the U.S. step up its direct involvement in the Palestinian question. The U.S., he said, has simply too much at stake.

White House officials responded that that was very unlikely right now, especially so long as Jordan's King Hussein refuses to get in-

volved in the peace process. If Hussein were to move away from the sidelines, one U.S. official said, Reagan would indeed intensify the U.S. effort according to his Middle East initiative. But Israel will not have to worry about that so long as Hussein stays away from the bargaining table.

For Israel, there was other good news in Washington. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger has continued his efforts to improve his image in Israel and with its American Jewish supporters.

He delivered a pro-Israel speech before the American Jewish Committee, and later he privately sought to reassure Jewish leaders during separate sessions in New York and Washington. Finally, he took the unusual step of writing an open letter to the editor of *The New Republic* magazine defending his record on Israel.

"There are strong bonds between the U.S. and the State of Israel," Weinberger wrote. "We are bound by the interests of mutual security. We face a common threat from Soviet-backed terrorism. We share a common interest in promoting peace and stability in the Middle

East. In order to accomplish that, we need many friends in the Middle East, specifically Israel."

"We are bound by our common heritage of democratic freedom," he continued. "Israel's ability to preserve that freedom in the face of extraordinary external threats is, as you eloquently stated in *The New Republic* editorial on the Kahane Commission report, a victory for democracy everywhere. Together, we have a stake in freedom, in Lebanon, in the Middle East, and throughout the world."

The Syrians and the Soviets are clearly taking a lot of abuse in Washington these days. But, ironically, so is Israel's opposition Labour Party because of its refusal to endorse the U.S.-sponsored Israeli-Lebanese deal.

To many American officials, Labour leaders Shimon Peres, Yitzhak Rabin, Abba Eban and the others who spoke out against the accord look rather foolish. It was not very long ago that these same U.S. officials were openly hoping for a Labour take-over in Jerusalem. Now, they are beginning to have some second thoughts.

The writer is *The Jerusalem Post's* Washington correspondent.

READERS' LETTERS

CHRISTIAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — I am not Jewish and I have never been to Israel, but I know that Israel performs as the best of all modern military defence forces.

I strongly urge all American Jews and all Israelis not to fall in any political "traps" wherein foreign forces are integrated into the defence of Israel's borders. I urge Israel's leaders never to trust the UN, the U.S., the Pope, or the PLO factions. Israel's borders — as they expand — will be protected by God. The Holy Bible's Old Testament clearly explains it all. Israel will live!

We live in the county of Frederick, in the state of Maryland, where Prime Minister Menachem Begin met with President Carter and the Camp David meetings became history. We are the farmers and mountain men who fight for freedom's cause and have gone around the world to pour out our

blood for freedom. Right now, some of our dear ones are in the Marines in Lebanon. We do not like this and we have told President Reagan over and over. We demand that the U.S. let Israel police the Middle East and give close support policy to Israel. But keep U.S. troops at home. The best policy for peace in the Middle East is a strong united Israel.

Do not leave Lebanon until you have assurance that your original goals are complete. Millions and millions of American Christians — the true Christians that love and adore their Jewish Messiah and their Holy Scriptures written by precious Jewish believers in the land of Israel — know that the Lord has given Israel to the Jewish people. Forever!

PASTOR JOSEPH L. BANE
The Francis Scott Key Bible Church
Frederick, Md.

COLLECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — There are certain ministers in our government who, judging by their behaviour, seem to have no clear idea what collective cabinet responsibility means in a democratic system, and what the duties and responsibilities of a member of the cabinet are.

It is unforgivable for a member of the coalition to appear before the media and the press soon after a cabinet meeting expressing strong opposition to a recent decision adopted by a democratic procedure. In a properly working democratic system, the different issues on the agenda are discussed and each member is entitled to voice his opinion and try to convince his colleagues of the justice of his case, in the event of differences.

But once a decision has been taken, the minister is required to adopt it as his own and work for its implementation, within the framework of collective cabinet responsibility. If he is unable to do so, because his conscience does not allow him to, he should resign from the government. Then, as a free man, he can fight for the realization of his ideas.

In the present cabinet, this happened in the case of former Energy Minister Berman. In the first Likud cabinet, the late Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and former Defence Minister Ezer Weizman did so.

Today the ministers concerned should act in a similar way: resign their positions in order to prevent demoralization.

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ISRAEL-NEW ZEALAND FRIENDSHIP

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — We are very happy to announce that on April 21, the Israel-New Zealand Friendship Association was established. Its aim is to strengthen and develop the ties between the peoples of Israel and New Zealand in partnership with our sister association in that country, where there are today 12 active branches. Committees have been formed in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. We cordially invite membership of all Kiwis who have settled in Israel and other people interested in fostering cultural, social and business ties between the two countries. For further information, please contact Dr. Doron Tamir, (Honorary Secretary), Rehov Lehi 11, Ramat Hasharon, Tel. 03-471316 ADELE HOFFMAN
Jerusalem

VERA SALOMONS

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — Since the theft in the Islamic Museum, Mrs. Vera Bryce (née Salomons), who left her collection to the Museum, has several times been described in your columns as the daughter of Sir David Salomons, the first Jewish Lord Mayor of London. In fact she was his grandniece, and was born many years after the death of the former Lord Mayor.

MICHAEL HEYMANN
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DEFECTIVE SYSTEM

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, — The recent defection of Rabbi Druckman from the ranks of the NRP brings to light a very disturbing situation within the Israeli political system.

Our Members of the Knesset achieve their positions as a result of elections based upon proportional representation and are not directly elected; as they would have been if elected according to the parliamentary system used in many other countries.

The NRP received enough votes to give them six seats and, as a result, the first six politicians on their list took their places in the Knesset. In effect, the electorate had been asked to denote their preference for a particular political party and not for the politician of their choice.

This being the case, when a politician decides to leave the ranks of his party, because of differences in ideology, in order to form a new party, should he not be obliged to resign his seat in the Knesset and make way for the next name on his former party's list? After all, the

electorate gave the NRP six seats and they would remain with the same number until the next election. If Rabbi Druckman had been elected as an individual politician representing a political party and later chose to "defect," he would be perfectly entitled to continue sitting in the Knesset as an independent or as a member of the party of his choice.

I do not question Rabbi Druckman's motives or reasons, or even his integrity, for leaving the NRP to form the Matzri party, but I do question the system that allows him to continue sitting in the Knesset.

Is this another instance of the lack of accountability by our politicians towards the electorate? The dismal record of attendance at Knesset sittings and committee meetings is further evidence that they are taking advantage of a political system that appears to benefit the politicians rather than the people whom they are meant to serve.

Ashtod. JULIUS ORBAU

POSTSCRIPTS

THE REV. David Harms of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Portland, Oregon has decided to get tough with those of his congregation who are quick with excuses for missing Sunday services.

One recent Sunday was declared "No Excuse Sunday" at Prince of Peace, and they weren't kidding.

For those who complain about hard pews, the church provided pillows. For those who like to sleep late, there were cots.

One favourite excuse is that the sermon is too loud, so the church

provided ear plugs. Hearing aids were available for those who claim the sermon is too quiet.

Anyone tempted to skip church for outdoor pursuits found fishing poles and a small pond filled with duck decoys. There was also a putting green equipped with golf clubs and balls.

Pam and Scott Wallin got into the spirit by showing up for church in pyjamas, robes and slippers, with blankets and pillows in hand. Wallin said it's easy to sleep a little later on Sunday. "We just rolled out of bed and came anyway — as is."

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